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HIGHLIGHTS

The number of unemployed in New Mexico declined by 1,200 and the jobless rate dropped from 9.0 to 8.7 percent this September, but both changes followed normal seasonal patterns.

Typically, September is a month of change. The new school term, the agricultural harvest, the annual State Fair in Albuquerque, and the end of the summer tourist season all result in sizeable shifts in the State's labor force in September. Large numbers of youth drop out of the labor force and return to school, resulting in a decline in both employment and unemployment. Educational institutions in both government and the private sector fill many non-contract jobs such as teacher-aide, food service, and janitorial which were suspended during the summer months. This results in sizeable employment increases in state and local government and in the educational services industry. Temporary workers hired to help operate the State Fair also add to state government employment in September. The passenger transportation industry records significant increases as school bus contractors gear up for the new school term. Food manufacturing businesses hire workers to process the green chile and other crops. Membership organizations close youth summer camps in September, and lodging places lay off workers hired for the peak summer months. Construction firms also begin to reduce activity in anticipation of the coming colder weather.

Unfortunately, the current employment estimates also reflect continued problems in the State's mining industry. The metal mining sector lost 300 jobs in September, largely due to an equipment breakdown at Chino Mining Company's copper smelter in the Silver City area. The October employment estimates in next month's Review are expected to reflect more mining losses. AMAX Chemical Corporation laid off approximately 225 workers in early October when it closed its Carlsbad area potash mine. Molycorp also laid off workers in mid-October with a 150 job cutback at its molybdenum mine north of Taos.

SEPTEMBER SUMMARY

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	Sept. 1985	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1984	Aug. 1985	Sept. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	650,700	643,200	642,100	+7,500	+8,600
Employment	593,800	585,100	597,000	+8,700	-3,200
Unemployment	56,900	58,100	45,100	-1,200	+11,800
Rate	8.7%	9.0%	7.0%		

NEW MEXICO

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim SEP 1985	*Revised* AUG 1985	*Revised* SEP 1984	*Change From* AUG 1985	SEP 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	520,400	512,600	514,300	+ 7,800	+6,100
MINING	19,700	19,800	21,200	- 100	-1,500
Metal Mining	2,900	3,200	3,700	- 300	- 800
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining	4,000	3,900	4,200	+ 100	- 200
Oil and Gas Extraction	12,800	12,700	13,300	+ 100	- 500
CONSTRUCTION	37,300	38,000	37,700	- 700	- 400
MANUFACTURING	38,100	37,600	37,900	+ 500	+ 200
Durable Goods	24,400	24,400	24,000	0	+ 400
Lumber and Wood Products	2,600	2,700	2,500	- 100	+ 100
Elec. and Electronic Equipment	6,300	6,300	6,500	0	- 200
Transportation Equipment	4,000	4,000	3,500	0	+ 500
Other Durable Goods	11,500	11,400	11,500	+ 100	0
Nondurable Goods	13,700	13,200	13,900	+ 500	- 200
Food and Kindred Products	5,100	4,600	5,100	+ 500	0
Textiles and Apparel	2,400	2,300	2,500	+ 100	- 100
Other Nondurable Goods	6,200	6,300	6,300	- 100	- 100
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	30,000	29,100	30,100	+ 900	- 100
Railroad Transportation	2,200	2,200	2,400	0	- 200
Trucking and Warehousing	6,200	6,100	6,100	+ 100	+ 100
Other Transportation	4,600	3,700	4,400	+ 900	+ 200
Communication	7,400	7,500	7,500	- 100	- 100
Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services	9,600	9,600	9,700	0	- 100
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	125,100	125,300	120,400	- 200	+4,700
Wholesale Trade	22,200	22,300	22,500	- 100	- 300
Durable Goods	13,000	13,100	13,100	- 100	- 100
Nondurable Goods	9,200	9,200	9,400	0	- 200
Retail Trade	102,900	103,000	97,900	- 100	+5,000
General Merchandise Stores	11,100	10,800	10,400	+ 300	+ 700
Food Stores	14,500	14,600	14,500	- 100	0
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	12,800	12,800	12,700	0	+ 100
Eating and Drinking Places	38,200	38,400	35,400	- 200	+2,800
Other Retail Trade	26,300	26,400	24,900	- 100	+1,400
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	25,800	26,000	24,800	- 200	+1,000
Banking	8,200	8,400	8,300	- 200	- 100
Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers	5,900	5,900	5,700	0	+ 200
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	11,700	11,700	10,800	0	+ 900
SERVICES	112,500	114,400	110,800	- 1,900	+1,700
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	11,400	11,900	11,300	- 500	+ 100
Personal Services	5,400	5,500	5,600	- 100	- 200
Business Services	25,700	25,700	24,400	0	+1,300
Health Services	26,900	27,000	26,300	- 100	+ 600
Social Services	6,900	6,700	6,900	+ 200	0
Membership Organizations	6,800	8,200	8,700	- 1,400	-1,900
Other Services	29,400	29,400	27,600	0	+1,800
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	131,900	122,400	131,400	+ 9,500	+ 500
Federal Government	29,600	30,300	29,400	- 700	+ 200
Total State & Local	102,300	92,100	102,000	+10,200	+ 300
State 2/	47,000	41,800	46,400	+ 5,200	+ 600
Local	55,300	50,300	55,600	+ 5,000	- 300

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

2/ *Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.*

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)

HIGHLIGHTS

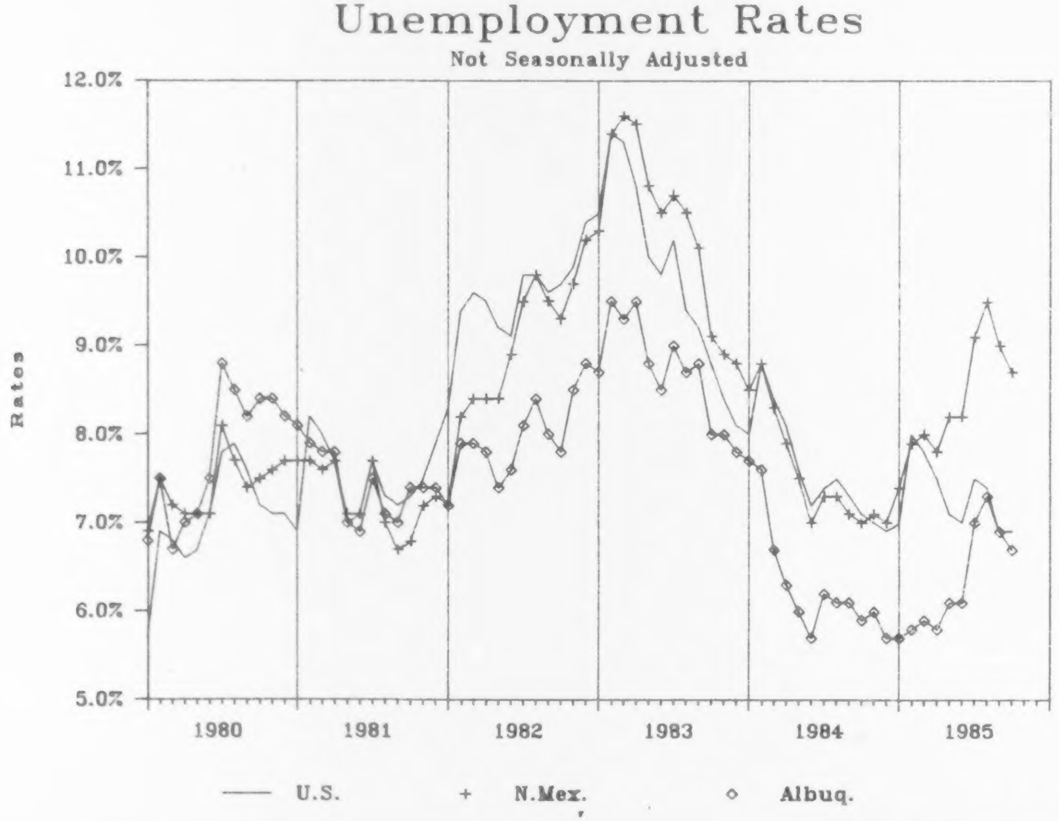
The Albuquerque area unemployment rate declined in September, as expected, mostly owing to the start of the fall school term. According to the preliminary labor force estimates, the Albuquerque area unemployment rate was 6.7 percent, down from 6.9 percent in August. The number of employed grew by 5,000, while unemployment dropped by 200. However, the unemployment rate is still above the one year ago level.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment was 221,100 in September, an increase of 4,300 jobs from August. Seasonal patterns were generally followed in the over-the-month change, with the start of school and temporary hiring for the New Mexico State Fair responsible for most of the increase. The transportation subsector added 400 jobs as school bus contractors hired workers, education services added about 300 jobs, and local government increased by about 1,400. The increase of 1,900 jobs in state government was a combination of hiring in education and for the State Fair.

In comparison to September 1984, wage and salary employment has added about 8,100 jobs. The trade and services industries made up about 65 percent of this gain. The losses by machinery (-200) and electronic equipment (-500) maufacturing were partly offset by gains in transportation equipment (+200) and professional & scientific instrument (+200) manufacturing. The decline of 300 jobs in communications reflects a continuing 21-month downward trend in employment. This decline results from a myriad of factors including deregulation of the industry and the divestiture of AT & T.

SEPTEMBER SUMMARY

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	Sep. 1985	Aug. 1985	Sep. 1984	Aug. 1985	Sep. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	248,100	243,300	240,300	+4,800	+7,800
Employment	231,500	226,500	226,000	+5,000	+5,500
Unemployment	16,600	16,800	14,300	- 200	+2,300
Rate	6.7%	6.9%	6.0%		



ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim	*Revised*	*Revised*	*Change From*	
	SEP 1985	AUG 1985	SEP 1984	AUG 1985	SEP 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	221,100	216,800	213,000	+4,300	+8,100
MINING	200	200	300	0	- 100
CONSTRUCTION	17,800	17,800	16,000	0	+1,800
MANUFACTURING	19,400	19,400	19,700	0	- 300
Durable Goods	13,400	13,500	13,800	- 100	- 400
Nondurable Goods	6,000	5,900	5,900	+ 100	+ 100
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	12,100	11,700	12,300	+ 400	- 200
Transportation	5,800	5,400	5,700	+ 400	+ 100
Communication	3,800	3,800	4,100	0	- 300
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	0
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	57,300	57,300	54,300	0	+3,000
Wholesale Trade	13,600	13,700	13,900	- 100	- 300
Durable Goods	8,800	8,900	9,000	- 100	- 200
Nondurable Goods	4,800	4,800	4,900	0	- 100
Retail Trade	43,700	43,600	40,400	+ 100	+3,300
General Merchandise Stores	4,000	4,000	4,300	0	- 300
Food Stores	4,900	4,800	4,500	+ 100	+ 400
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	4,800	4,700	4,600	+ 100	+ 200
Eating and Drinking Places	17,500	17,500	15,300	0	+2,200
Other Retail Trade	12,500	12,600	11,700	- 100	+ 800
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	13,600	13,700	12,800	- 100	+ 800
Banking	3,200	3,300	3,200	- 100	0
Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers	3,600	3,600	3,500	0	+ 100
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	6,800	6,800	6,100	0	+ 700
SERVICES	55,900	55,900	53,500	0	+2,400
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	3,200	3,100	3,200	+ 100	0
Health Services	13,000	12,900	12,500	+ 100	+ 500
Social Services	2,700	2,500	2,600	+ 200	+ 100
Membership Organizations	1,700	2,000	1,600	- 300	+ 100
Other Services	35,300	35,400	33,600	- 100	+1,700
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	44,800	40,800	44,100	4,000	+ 700
Federal Government	12,600	12,900	12,000	- 300	+ 600
Total State & Local	32,200	27,900	32,100	+4,300	+ 100
State	13,700	10,800	13,600	+2,900	+ 100
Local	18,500	17,100	18,500	+1,400	0

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY) 1/

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim SEP 1985	Revised AUG 1985	Revised SEP 1984	Change From AUG 1985	Change From SEP 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	37,000	34,350	35,800	+2,650	+1,200
MINING 2/	0	0	0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2,700	2,700	2,700	0	0
MANUFACTURING	3,700	3,400	3,750	+ 300	- 50
Durable Goods	1,400	1,400	1,450	0	- 50
Nondurable Goods	2,300	2,000	2,300	+ 300	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,400	1,350	1,350	+ 50	+ 50
Transportation	600	550	600	+ 50	0
Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service	800	800	750	0	+ 50
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	7,950	7,750	7,400	+ 200	+ 550
Wholesale Trade	850	850	850	0	0
Retail Trade	7,100	6,900	6,550	+ 200	+ 550
General Merchandise Stores	900	700	750	+ 200	+ 150
Food Stores	950	950	1,000	0	- 50
Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations	850	850	800	0	+ 50
Eating & Drinking Places	2,800	2,800	2,600	0	+ 200
Other Retail Trade	1,600	1,600	1,400	0	+ 200
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	1,550	1,550	1,400	0	+ 150
SERVICES	4,800	5,000	4,600	- 200	+ 200
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	600	600	550	0	+ 50
Business Services	850	850	800	0	+ 50
Health Services	1,150	1,150	1,050	0	+ 100
Social Services	350	400	350	- 50	0
Other Services	1,850	2,000	1,850	- 150	0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	14,900	12,600	14,600	+2,300	+ 300
Federal Government	4,500	4,700	4,400	- 200	+ 100
Total State & Local	10,400	7,900	10,200	+2,500	+ 200
State	5,600	4,500	5,400	+1,100	+ 200
Local	4,800	3,400	4,800	+1,400	0

1/ *In accordance with the CES Manual, those published cells with less than 2,000 employment are rounded to fifty. Those published cells with more than 2,000 employment are rounded to hundreds.*

2/ *The employment for the Las Cruces MSA is rounded to fifty. Because employment in this industry is below 25, it appears as zero.*

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION, CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	SEP 1985	AUG 1985	SEP 1984	SEP 1985	AUG 1985	SEP 1984	SEP 1985	AUG 1985	SEP 1984
NEW MEXICO									
MINING	$495.62	$503.29	$488.58	42.8	42.4	41.3	$11.58	$11.87	$11.83
CONSTRUCTION	395.98	390.92	382.60	35.9	36.5	37.4	11.03	10.71	10.23
MANUFACTURING	346.88	336.94	312.84	41.1	40.4	39.7	8.44	8.34	7.88
Durable Goods	351.37	342.74	315.21	41.0	39.9	39.9	8.57	5.59	7.90
Nondurable Gds	337.83	323.01	307.33	41.3	41.2	39.3	8.18	7.84	7.82
COMM and UTIL	462.89	479.79	447.53	41.0	42.8	42.5	11.29	11.21	10.53
TRADE*	269.36	267.52	262.98	36.4	36.2	35.3	7.40	7.39	7.45
BANKING	224.96	206.80	211.29	40.1	37.6	39.2	5.61	5.50	5.39
ALBUQUERQUE									
MANUFACTURING	$332.07	$338.85	$307.33	40.3	40.1	39.3	$ 8.24	$ 8.45	$ 7.82

* *Excludes Eating and Drinking Places*

Note: *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.*

AREA ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

STATEWIDE: A total of 4,238 New Mexico youth were hired this summer in the Summer Youth Employment Program run by the state Employment Security Department. The program, which ran for nine weeks, placed youth in 20-hour per week jobs in various non-profit organizations, such as city and county governments and public schools. Age and family income criteria were used to determine eligibility for the federally funded program.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA: Bohannan-Houston Inc., an Albuquerque-based engineering, planning, and photogrammetry company, has started construction of its new two-story, 26,000-square-foot office building located in the Journal Center. Intel Corp. has reduced the salaries of nearly half its workforce and will close all U.S. operations for six days around Christmas due to slumping semiconductor sales. A company spokesman said the 800 employees at the Intel plant in Rio Rancho will be affected by these cost cutting measures. Ross Stores, an off-price apparel retailer based in the San Francisco Bay area, opened a 34,000-square-foot anchor store in Ross Plaza at Montgomery and San Mateo NE in October. The store employs about 45 people. Construction is under way on a 41,000-square-foot office building located in NZ Business Park on Randolph Road off Yale Blvd. Lasertechnics Inc. and a New York-based venture capital firm have agreed to form a company in Albuquerque that will develop new technology for the computer-chip industry. The new company, Applied Electron Corp., could employ several hundred people within a couple of years. Two Houston developers began construction in mid-October on the $30 million AmeriWest Business Park. The park, located on 12.6 acres at Academy Road and Eubank NE, will include 210,000 square feet of office space built in four phases. Phase one of the project will cost about $7 million and include a 54,000-square-foot building which should be occupied by May 1986. Amberly Hotel, an all-suite hotel on Pan American Freeway, opened on November 1. Montgomery Ward, Dillards, and J.C. Penney started their part-time Christmas recruitment in late October. The three stores plan to hire about 150 people to help handle holiday sales. Mountain Bell has decided not to move about 155 jobs to its Phoenix operation, and the company will continue to handle New Mexico long-distance traffic in Albuquerque. G.W. Walker and Co. broke ground in mid-October on a 44,000-square-foot office/warehouse building at McLeod Business Park. Nuclear Pharmacy Inc. will move its Albuquerque administrative operations to California as soon as it can find a tenant for its facility in Albuquerque. The company's move to California will affect 60 local employees. Martinez Custom Trailers Inc., which currently employs about 70 workers, has been awarded a $270,000 state grant to train about 70 new employees. Construction is expected to start in December on a new 53,000-square-foot, $5.5 million shopping center on Wyoming NE near the now-closed Los Altos Twin Theater. The center is scheduled for completion by next April. Bealls, a speciality department store, opened its 50,000-square-foot store in Winrock Center in mid-October. The store employs about 75 people.

ALAMOGORDO / RUIDOSO AREA: Ray Ward and Son Construction Company was the low bidder for a 19,000-square-foot addition to New Mexico State University's Alamogordo branch facilities.

CARLSBAD / ARTESIA AREA: The area received a severe economic blow in early October when AMAX Chemical Corp. closed its potash mine near Carlsbad for an indefinite period. Approximately 225 workers were laid off due to the closure. The action was a result of "deteriorating market conditions" according to mine officials. Construction on the new Wal-Mart discount department store in Carlsbad is progressing, and the facility should be open by early 1986.

CLOVIS / PORTALES AREA: Price Industries Corporation's new $6.1 million Clovis High Plains Mall opened on October 16 with about 65 percent of its retail space filled by businesses. The mall has space for approximately 45 stores, including its anchor stores of J.C. Penney, Bealls, and Wal-Mart. Price Industries officials estimate that between 300 and 400 persons are employed in the mall. The Energy Fuels Development Corp. ethanol plant near Portales is expected to be in operation by early December. The $27 million facility will be the largest ethanol producer in the State and will employ about 40 full-time workers.

ESPANOLA AREA: Espanola Schools was awarded $1.4 million in state capital outlay funds for construction of a new kindergarden. Mesa Vista Schools received about $395,000 in state capital outlay funds to build a new library media center and special education rooms in El Rito. Construction is expected to start in November on a new $6.5 million subsidized apartment complex for the elderly.

FARMINGTON AREA: Farmington-based Mesa Air, a small commuter airline started in 1982 with a single airplane, has become the State's busiest commuter airline. Mesa will take delivery of its sixth airplane and initiate service to its 11th and 12th destinations in November. The airline, with about $5.5 million in annual sales, now employs about 100 people.

GALLUP / GRANTS AREA: Work began in mid-October on the $380,000 water system for Bluewater Lake. A Fed Mart store opened in Zuni in early October. A total of 127 Navajo Tribal employees were laid off September 30 due to budget reductions by the tribe. The tribe hopes to place the laid-off workers in other tribal jobs. Laguna Industries at the Laguna Pueblo has been awarded a $46,000 state grant to train about 40 new employees. The Ambrosia Lake uranium mill tailings cleanup project is scheduled to get underway in late 1986. The $22.7 million project will employ about 60 workers.

LAS CRUCES AREA: The new Charter Hospital opened in Santa Teresa on October 1 with a staff of 40. The hospital specializes in inpatient psychiatric programs. Two new lodging facilities, the 120-room Hampton Inn and the 100-room Quality Inn, opened for business in Las Cruces in October. The Reward Company, a pet food manufacturer in Chamberino, experienced another layoff in October, with 30 workers being furloughed. Reward had previously laid off 100 of its then 300 workforce back in June of this year. Dona Ana County commissioners have agreed to issue up to $8 million in industrial revenue bonds to help Foamex Inc. of Rhode Island establish a polyurethane foam rubber factory in the Santa Teresa Industrial Park near Sunland Park. Foamex officials want to break ground on the plant, which will employ about 50 workers, by the end of this year.

RATON / CLAYTON AREA: Work is continuing on Kaiser Steel Company's new Cimmarron coal mine west of Raton. Kaiser officials expect the mine will employ about 280 workers by the end of next year; however, most of the workers will be transfers from Kaiser's York Canyon No. 1 mine which is being gradually phased out of production. Construction is underway in Clayton on the new Union County Medical Center. The 3,000-square-foot facility is scheduled to open by mid-January.

ROSWELL AREA: Transportation Manufacturing Corporation is now listing all their job openings with the Roswell Employment Security Department office. The firm expects to hire approximately 100 new workers over the next few months for its developmental transport trailer operation. Construction has begun at several area schools as a result of the $17 million bond election passed earlier this year. Major contractors on the school projects include Armstrong and Armstrong, Mesilla Valley Contractors, and Courson Construction. A major film maker, Warner Bros., will shoot portions of a new movie entitled "Dress Gray" at New Mexico Military Academy in Roswell. Approximately 600 area residents are expected to be hired for the film.

SANTA FE AREA: The Santa Fe Hilton Inn has laid off about 80 employees while undergoing a $3 million renovation. The Inn closed in late October for the work and will reopen in early December. The city Public Works Committee is considering the sale of 2.3 acres to Yarborough Time Ltd. in Valdes Industrial Park. The maker of clocks, trophies, plaques, and other awards is expected to employ about 30 workers by the second year and 50 workers by the third year of operation.

SILVER CITY AREA: The expansion project at the solvent extraction-electrowinning plant of Phelps Dodge Corporation's Tyrone Branch is on schedule and should be completed by the end of the year. Approximately 90 workers are currently on the project, most employed by Brown & Root, the prime contractor. The expansion will increase copper production at the plant from 16,000 tons to more than 30,000 tons annually.

SOCORRO / BELEN AREA: New Mexico Travertine, a marble quarrying firm, has opened a $500,000 marble fabrication plant in Belen which will employ about 40 workers when in full production. The company obtains marble from a 2,000-acre travertine deposit about 20 miles west of Belen and then cuts the marble into building stone at the new plant.

TAOS AREA: Molycorp Inc., Northern New Mexico's largest employer, laid off about 150 of its molybdenum mine workforce in mid-October. The reason cited for the layoff is a worldwide surplus of molybdenum resulting in low prices for the product. Molybdenum is a hardening agent used in steel and iron production, and also as a lubricant. Molycorp's president said the facility may be forced to shutdown if company finances do not improve within the next few months. Prior to the layoff, Molycorp employed about 800 workers. Smith's opened a new 47,000-square-foot food store in Taos on October 1. The food store employs about 100 full- and part-time people. A $35,000 study for a jetport was approved by the village of Questa in late October. The study will look at four proposed sites. After the study is completed, engineers will do an environmental assessment and a master plan of the airport layout.

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(Base Year 1967 = 100)
CPI-U - All Urban Consumers
CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

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NEW WOMEN WORKERS REPORT NOW AVAILABLE

A new report on the state's female work force is available from the New Mexico Employment Security Department. Women Workers in New Mexico contains statistical information on the changing role of women in the state's labor force. In addition, it addresses current issues of concern to New Mexico women and provides practical information which can help women in making occupational choices or planning career changes. Copies of the report may be obtained free of charge by writing to the New Mexico Employment Security Department, Bureau of Economic Research and Analysis, P.O. Box 1928, Albuquerque, NM. 87103, or by calling (505) 841-8645.

NEW MEXICO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/

	PRELIMINARY SEPTEMBER 1985				REVISED AUGUST 1985				REVISED SEPTEMBER 1984			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	650,681	593,804	56,877	8.7%	643,188	585,103	58,085	9.0%	642,110	596,989	45,121	7.0%
ALBUQUERQUE MSA 2/	248,102	231,525	16,577	6.7%	243,287	226,502	16,785	6.9%	240,279	226,016	14,263	5.9%
LAS CRUCES MSA 3/	44,828	40,661	4,167	9.3%	42,839	38,467	4,372	10.2%	43,434	40,263	3,171	7.3%
Catron	1,003	872	131	13.1%	963	837	126	13.1%	1,034	942	92	8.9%
Chaves	25,260	23,173	2,087	8.3%	25,533	23,187	2,346	9.2%	25,546	23,315	2,231	8.7%
Cibola	10,862	8,821	2,041	18.8%	10,939	8,650	2,289	20.9%	10,859	9,328	1,531	14.1%
Colfax	7,046	6,352	694	9.8%	7,776	7,124	652	8.4%	6,966	6,465	501	7.2%
Curry	15,858	14,608	1,250	7.9%	15,869	14,554	1,315	8.3%	16,195	15,204	991	6.1%
De Baca	1,047	950	97	9.3%	1,026	945	81	7.9%	1,052	995	57	5.4%
Eddy	23,250	20,910	2,340	10.1%	23,282	20,843	2,439	10.5%	23,658	21,801	1,857	7.8%
Grant	10,010	8,009	2,001	20.0%	9,483	8,055	1,428	15.1%	10,211	9,103	1,108	10.9%
Guadalupe	1,605	1,415	190	11.8%	1,618	1,388	230	14.2%	1,578	1,501	77	4.9%
Harding	661	616	45	6.8%	664	623	41	6.2%	648	622	26	4.0%
Hidalgo	2,626	2,389	237	9.0%	2,550	2,295	255	10.0%	2,520	2,423	97	3.8%
Lea	31,250	29,498	1,752	5.6%	31,055	29,365	1,690	5.4%	31,292	30,041	1,251	4.0%
Lincoln	9,498	8,937	561	5.9%	9,460	9,022	438	4.6%	8,856	8,570	286	3.2%
Los Alamos	12,198	11,963	235	1.9%	12,174	11,937	237	1.9%	12,039	11,798	241	2.0%
Luna	5,523	4,630	893	16.2%	5,456	4,565	891	16.3%	5,540	5,054	486	8.8%
McKinley	16,969	14,649	2,320	13.7%	16,841	14,301	2,540	15.1%	17,760	16,059	1,701	9.6%
Mora	1,172	828	344	29.4%	1,193	809	384	32.2%	1,126	824	302	26.8%
Otero	15,601	14,290	1,311	8.4%	15,462	14,097	1,365	8.8%	15,608	14,610	998	6.4%
Quay	5,482	5,007	475	8.7%	5,442	4,971	471	8.7%	5,576	5,202	374	6.7%
Rio Arriba	10,934	8,838	2,096	19.2%	10,842	8,694	2,148	19.8%	11,575	9,932	1,643	14.2%
Roosevelt	8,143	7,704	439	5.4%	7,356	6,961	395	5.4%	8,016	7,716	300	3.7%
Sandoval	14,858	13,278	1,580	10.6%	14,719	13,111	1,608	10.9%	14,530	13,409	1,121	7.7%
San Juan	37,515	32,758	4,757	12.7%	37,518	32,431	5,087	13.6%	38,583	34,466	4,117	10.7%
San Miguel	8,992	7,810	1,182	13.1%	8,921	7,599	1,322	14.8%	9,212	8,198	1,014	11.0%
Santa Fe	44,863	42,193	2,670	6.0%	45,395	42,577	2,818	6.2%	43,480	41,479	2,001	4.6%
Sierra	2,627	2,414	213	8.1%	2,689	2,479	210	7.8%	2,622	2,497	125	4.8%
Socorro	4,875	4,464	411	8.4%	4,814	4,381	433	9.0%	4,832	4,494	338	7.0%
Taos	11,279	9,389	1,890	16.8%	11,421	9,513	1,908	16.7%	10,840	9,299	1,541	14.2%
Torrance	2,700	2,343	357	13.2%	2,780	2,428	352	12.7%	2,371	2,181	190	8.0%
Union	2,595	2,466	129	5.0%	2,690	2,543	147	5.5%	2,648	2,561	87	3.3%
Valencia	11,449	10,044	1,405	12.3%	11,131	9,849	1,282	11.5%	11,624	10,621	1,003	8.6%

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

2/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Bernalillo County

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HIGHLIGHTS

New Mexico's unemployment rate in October, at 8.6 percent, was only slightly changed from September. Unemployment in the state stood at 56,400, down 400 from September, while the number of persons with jobs grew by 4,700 over the month. The U.S. unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) also was relatively unchanged in October, dropping from 6.9 to 6.8 percent over the month.

In October, the largest changes in employment were posted in the government sector as the state's public schools and colleges continued to add staff for the new school term. The mining industry experienced contrasting employment changes in October. The indefinite closure of the AMAX potash mine in Carlsbad was offset by Chino Mines Company's recall of workers at its Silver City copper mine. The Chino workers were laid off in August due to equipment failure. In manufacturing, job losses were reported in electronic equipment and other durable goods, continuing the downward trend shown by both subsectors this year. Transportation equipment manufacturing posted a healthy gain in October. This subsector and scientific equipment continue to be the bright spots in the state's manufacturing industry. As expected, seasonal job losses occurred in October in food processing, and at restaurants and lodging places.

The highest jobless rates in the state continue to be centered in the north central area (Mora, Taos, and Rio Arriba counties) and in Cibola and McKinley counties which have experienced extensive uranium mining layoffs. Grant and Catron counties also have very high jobless rates, the result of continued problems in the copper mining industry. However, Grant county's unemployment rate did record improvement in October due to the previously mentioned recall at Chino. Eddy county's unemployment rate deteriorated considerably during the month, jumping from 10.0 to 12.5 percent, largely the result of the shutdown at the AMAX potash mine.

OCTOBER SUMMARY

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	Oct. 1985	Sep. 1985	Oct. 1984	Sep. 1985	Oct. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	656,100	651,800	644,200	+4,300	+11,900
Employment	599,700	595,000	598,700	+4,700	+1,000
Unemployment	56,400	56,800	45,500	- 400	+10,900
Rate	8.6%	8.7%	7.1%		

NEW MEXICO

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim OCT 1985	*Revised* SEP 1985	*Revised* OCT 1984	*Change From* SEP 1985	 OCT 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	522,900	521,500	514,800	+1,400	+8,300
MINING	19,800	19,700	21,400	+ 100	-1,400
Metal Mining	3,100	2,900	3,800	+ 200	- 700
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining	3,800	4,000	4,200	- 200	- 200
Oil and Gas Extraction	12,900	12,800	13,400	+ 100	- 500
CONSTRUCTION	37,000	37,300	37,200	- 300	- 200
MANUFACTURING	37,700	37,900	38,000	- 200	- 300
Durable Goods	24,300	24,300	24,000	0	+ 300
Lumber and Wood Products	2,600	2,600	2,500	0	+ 100
Elec. and Electronic Equipment	6,200	6,300	6,500	- 100	- 300
Transportation Equipment	4,200	4,000	3,500	+ 200	+ 700
Other Durable Goods	11,300	11,400	11,500	- 100	- 200
Nondurable Goods	13,400	13,600	14,000	- 200	- 600
Food and Kindred Products	4,800	5,000	4,900	- 200	- 100
Textiles and Apparel	2,400	2,400	2,500	0	- 100
Other Nondurable Goods	6,200	6,200	6,600	0	- 400
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	29,900	30,100	30,300	- 200	- 400
Railroad Transportation	2,100	2,200	2,300	- 100	- 200
Trucking and Warehousing	6,100	6,100	6,200	0	- 100
Other Transportation	4,700	4,700	4,400	0	+ 300
Communication	7,400	7,500	7,700	- 100	- 300
Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services	9,600	9,600	9,700	0	- 100
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	126,500	125,700	120,200	+ 800	+6,300
Wholesale Trade	22,400	22,300	22,600	+ 100	- 200
Durable Goods	13,000	13,000	13,100	0	- 100
Nondurable Goods	9,400	9,300	9,500	+ 100	- 100
Retail Trade	104,100	103,400	97,600	+ 700	+6,500
General Merchandise Stores	11,300	11,100	10,500	+ 200	+ 800
Food Stores	15,300	14,900	14,300	+ 400	+1,000
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	12,700	12,800	12,700	- 100	0
Eating and Drinking Places	37,600	38,200	35,200	- 600	+2,400
Other Retail Trade	27,200	26,400	24,900	+ 800	+2,300
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	25,400	25,600	24,800	- 200	+ 600
Banking	8,100	8,200	8,300	- 100	- 200
Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers	5,900	5,900	5,700	0	+ 200
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	11,400	11,5000	10,800	- 100	+ 600
SERVICES	111,600	112,400	110,300	- 800	+1,300
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	11,200	11,400	11,100	- 200	+ 100
Personal Services	5,500	5,400	5,600	+ 100	- 100
Business Services	25,300	25,600	24,600	- 300	+ 700
Health Services	27,000	26,900	26,200	+ 100	+ 800
Social Services	6,900	7,000	7,000	- 100	- 100
Membership Organizations	6,900	6,800	8,700	+ 100	-1,800
Other Services	28,800	29,300	27,100	- 500	+1,700
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	135,000	132,800	132,600	+2,200	+2,400
Federal Government	29,500	29,900	29,100	- 400	+ 400
Total State & Local	105,500	102,900	103,500	+2,600	+2,000
State 2/	49,200	47,800	46,600	+1,400	+2,600
Local	56,300	55,100	56,900	+1,200	- 600

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

2/ *Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.*

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)

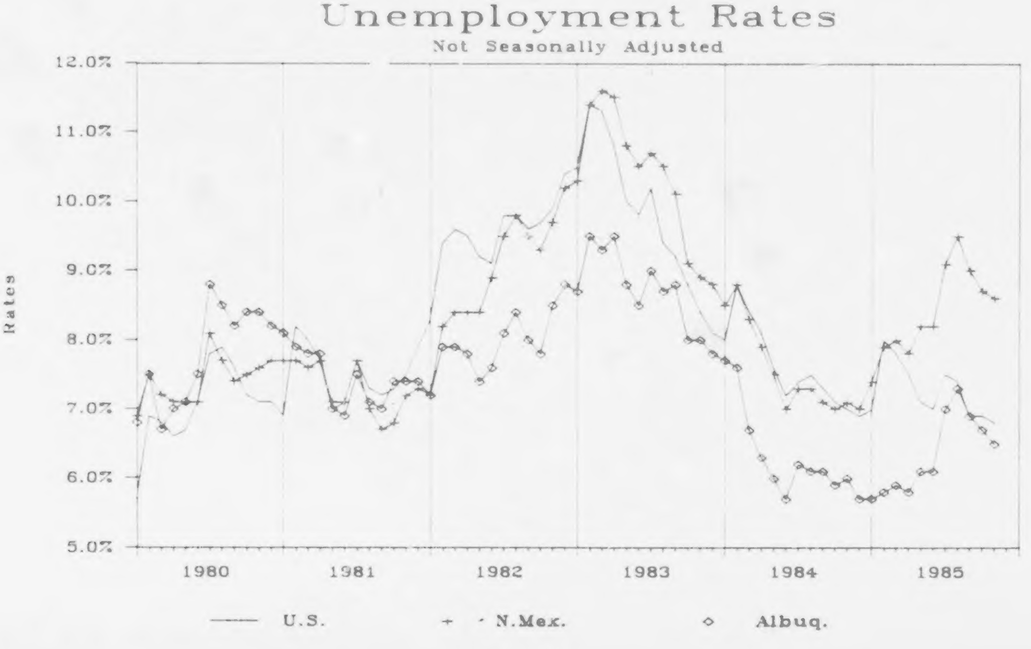
According to preliminary estimates, the October unemployment rate in the Albuquerque area was 6.5 percent, down from 6.6 percent in September. Employment was relatively unchanged in October, while unemployment declined by 500. Compared with one year ago, 5,700 more people in Albuquerque are working; however, 1,600 more people are also looking for work.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment was 220,900 in October, a decline of 200 jobs from September. Seasonal patterns were generally followed over the month. Construction employment began its winter decline, while government posted contrasting seasonal movement. The loss of 300 jobs in federal government was largely the result of a layoff of temporary workers by a single agency. The conclusion of the New Mexico State Fair accounted for most of the decline in state government. Continued hiring by educational institutions added most of the jobs in local government.

During the first ten months of 1985, total wage and salary employment in Albuquerque added 9,200 jobs, down from the 12,500 increase posted for the same period in 1984. Construction is the only major industry experiencing stronger growth in the 1985 period, with the building and heavy construction subsectors supporting all the additional growth. Manufacturing has added about 250 jobs this year, compared to 1450 jobs added in 1984. The poorer results in 1985 were largely caused by job losses in machinery (-250) and electronic equipment (-450) and weaker growth in most other manufacturing subsectors. Electronic equipment's losses this year especially contrast with last year's performance when the subsector added almost 600 jobs. Two subsectors in manufacturing which have been much stronger this year are transportation equipment and professional & scientific instruments. Combined, they have added almost 500 jobs so far in 1985, compared with virtually no growth in 1984. The weaker growth in trade was largely isolated in the wholesale category, although a few retail subsectors such as food and general merchandise also reported slower expansion. In services, a 200 job loss in personal and curtailed expansion in business services were mainly responsible for its slower growth.

OCTOBER SUMMARY

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	Oct. 1985	Sep. 1985	Oct. 1984	Sep. 1985	Oct. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	248,000	248,200	240,700	- 200	+7,300
Employment	232,000	231,700	226,300	+ 300	+5,700
Unemployment	16,000	16,500	14,400	- 500	+1,600
Rate	6.5%	6.6%	6.0%		



ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim	*Revised*	*Revised*	*Change From*	
	OCT 1985	SEP 1985	OCT 1984	SEP 1985	OCT 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	220,900	221,100	213,000	- 200	+7,900
MINING	200	200	300	0	- 100
CONSTRUCTION	17,800	17,900	16,000	- 100	+1,800
MANUFACTURING	19,400	19,300	19,600	+ 100	- 200
Durable Goods	13,400	13,300	13,900	+ 100	- 500
Nondurable Goods	6,000	6,000	5,700	0	+ 300
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	12,000	12,000	12,200	0	- 200
Transportation	5,700	5,700	5,700	0	0
Communication	3,800	3,800	4,000	0	- 200
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	0
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	57,500	57,500	54,000	0	+3,500
Wholesale Trade	13,700	13,600	13,800	+ 100	- 100
Durable Goods	8,800	8,800	8,900	0	- 100
Nondurable Goods	4,900	4,800	4,900	+ 100	0
Retail Trade	43,800	43,900	40,200	- 100	+3,600
General Merchandise Stores	4,200	4,100	4,300	+ 100	- 100
Food Stores	4,900	4,900	4,500	0	+ 400
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	4,800	4,800	4,600	0	+ 200
Eating and Drinking Places	17,200	17,400	15,100	- 200	+2,100
Other Retail Trade	12,700	12,700	11,700	0	+1,000
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	13,500	13,500	12,800	0	+ 700
Banking	3,200	3,200	3,200	0	0
Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers	3,600	3,600	3,500	0	+ 100
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	6,700	6,700	6,100	0	+ 600
SERVICES	55,900	55,900	53,400	0	+2,500
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	3,200	3,100	3,100	+ 100	+ 100
Health Services	13,000	13,000	12,400	0	+ 600
Social Services	2,700	2,700	2,700	0	0
Membership Organizations	1,800	1,800	1,600	0	+ 200
Other Services	35,200	35,300	33,600	- 100	+1,600
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	44,600	44,800	44,700	- 200	- 100
Federal Government	12,400	12,700	11,900	- 300	+ 500
Total State & Local	32,200	32,100	32,800	+ 100	- 600
State	13,600	14,000	13,000	- 400	+ 600
Local	18,600	18,100	19,800	+ 500	-1,200

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY) 1/

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim OCT 1985	*Revised* SEP 1985	*Revised* OCT 1984	*Change From* SEP 1985	OCT 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	38,700	37,100	37,000	+1,600	+1,700
MINING 2/	0	0	0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2,700	2;700	2,700	0	0
MANUFACTURING	3,700	3,700	3,850	0	- 150
Durable Goods	1,400	1,400	1,450	0	- 50
Nondurable Goods	2,300	2,300	2,400	0	- 150
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,450	1,400	1,350	+ 50	+ 100
Transportation	650	600	600	+ 50	+ 50
Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service	800	800	750	0	+ 50
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	8,150	7,900	7,500	+ 250	+ 650
Wholesale Trade	850	850	850	0	0
Retail Trade	7,300	7,050	6,650	+ 250	+ 650
General Merchandise Stores	900	850	750	+ 50	+ 150
Food Stores	950	950	950	0	0
Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations	850	850	850	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	2,900	2,800	2,600	+ 100	+ 300
Other Retail Trade	1,700	1,600	1,500	+ 100	+ 200
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	1,550	1,550	1,400	0	+ 150
SERVICES	5,250	4,850	4,800	+ 400	+ 450
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	650	600	500	+ 50	+ 150
Business Services	850	800	800	+ 50	+ 50
Health Services	1,200	1,150	1,100	+ 50	+ 100
Social Services	350	350	300	0	+ 50
Other Services	2,200	1,950	2,100	+ 250	+ 100
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	15,900	15,000	15,400	+ 900	+ 500
Federal Government	4,900	4,700	4,600	+ 200	+ 300
Total State & Local	11,000	10,300	10,800	+ 700	+ 200
State	6,000	5,500	5,900	+ 500	+ 100
Local	5,000	4,800	4,900	+ 200	+ 100

1/ *In accordance with the CES Manual, those published cells with less than 2,000 employment are rounded to fifty. Those published cells with more than 2,000 employment are rounded to hundreds.*

2/ *The employment for the Las Cruces MSA is rounded to fifty. Because employment in this industry is below 25, it appears as zero.*

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION, CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	OCT 1985	SEP 1985	OCT 1984	OCT 1985	SEP 1985	OCT 1984	OCT 1985	SEP 1985	OCT 1984
NEW MEXICO									
MINING	$499.36	$498.20	$483.89	42.9	42.4	41.5	$11.64	$11.75	$11.66
CONSTRUCTION	354.24	384.13	379.54	33.2	35.8	36.6	10.67	10.73	10.37
MANUFACTURING	332.49	335.78	317.18	40.4	40.8	40.2	8.23	8.23	7.89
Durable Goods	336.44	340.57	324.82	40.1	40.4	40.3	8.39	8.43	8.06
Nondurable Gds	323.52	324.06	300.45	40.9	41.6	39.9	7.91	7.79	7.53
COMM and UTIL	474.05	486.17	440.57	42.1	43.1	41.8	11.26	11.28	10.54
TRADE*	259.26	263.73	263.34	34.8	35.4	35.3	7.45	7.45	7.46
BANKING	225.55	223.28	204.95	39.5	39.8	37.4	5.71	5.61	5.48
ALBUQUERQUE									
MANUFACTURING	$335.64	$336.04	$310.84	40.1	40.1	39.8	$ 8.37	$ 8.38	$ 7.81

* *Excludes Eating and Drinking Places*

Note: *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.*

AREA ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

ALBUQUERQUE AREA: American Service Corporation, an Albuquerque based land development firm, has completed its newest custom subdivision in the far northeast heights of Albuquerque, located at Lomas Boulevard and Monte Largo Drive. The project contains 141 single family residential custom lots. Super 8 Motels Inc., a national lodging chain, opened a new franchise in Albuquerque in early November. The new 154-room, three-story motel is located on University NE. Tetra Corp., a small high technology research and development company based in Albuquerque, has been awarded a $500,000 contract by the U.S. Navy to develop a carbon dioxide laser. A California firm, Autumn Development Corp., is proposing to develop 400 acres of Sandia Pueblo land into a huge resort complex, including a 300-room hotel and accompanying amenities. Unique features of the proposed complex are a large arena with seating capacity for up to 5,000 persons and a large underground horse stall facility. Signetics canceled plans to close one of its California plants and move the production operation to Albuquerque. Had the California plant closed, 175 new jobs were expected to open in Albuquerque. However, Signetics will transfer another production operation to the Albuquerque plant, which will mean the recall of about 30 workers laid off by the firm last April. The Albuquerque City Council has approved $2 million in industrial revenue bonds to help Capitol Glass and Aluminum Corp. of Salt Lake City finance an Albuquerque plant. The company has established a 30,000-square-foot tempered glass manufacturing plant in Albuquerque and will have about 15 employees by 1986. The Dobbs Management Group has purchased 2.92 acres in the Renaissance Center at I-25 and Montano Road to open an Acura dealership. The Acura is a new Honda car model designed to compete with Audi and BMW. The new dealership is scheduled to open in April 1986. A $1.6 million Smith's combination food and drug center opened on Central Avenue west of Tramway in early November.

ALAMOGORDO / RUIDOSO AREA: Soil testing and final design work are nearing completion for the new 1,666-acre regional airport on Fort Stanton Mesa. Completion of the first phase of construction for the $15 million project is expected late next year, at which time private and limited commercial aircraft will be accepted. Ray Ward and Sons Construction of El Paso has been awarded a $1.7 million contract to build a new instructional building at the Alamogordo Branch of New Mexico State University. Borrego Development Company has purchased land near Ruidoso Downs Race Track for the possible location of a nine-story luxury hotel. Borrego is conducting a feasibility study for the proposed project; and if the results are favorable, construction could begin on the hotel by early next year, according to company officials. Construction is well underway on the new Wal-Mart discount department store in Ruidoso, and a new Safeway store and a Firestone tire outlet are now scheduled to be built next to the Wal-Mart facility.

CARLSBAD / ARTESIA AREA: The large increase in unemployment in Eddy County shown in the table on page 9 of this Review was largely the result of the AMAX potash mine closure. AMAX laid off approximately 225 workers in October. Another area potash mine, Potash Company of America (PCA), has announced plans to temporarily shut down for five weeks beginning November 30 in order to reduce inventories. PCA employs 375 workers. Potash Producers, Inc. has sold its potash mining operations to a New York venture banking firm and a Canadian minerals company. The new partnership will be called Western Ag-Minerals Co., and no major changes are planned for the facility according to the new owners. Current workforce figures for the Waste Isolation Pilot Project show approximately 700 workers employed. The Brantley Dam project is currently using about 250 workers.

CLOVIS / PORTALES AREA: Energy Fuels Development Corp. has received a $122,600 in-plant training award from the state Economic Development and Tourism Department to train 66 new workers for the firm's ethanol plant now under construction.

FARMINGTON AREA: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission granted a license to the City of Farmington for the construction of a 30-megawatt hydroelectric generating plant at Navajo Dam. Construction is expected to start on the $22 million project next spring, with completion scheduled for September 1988. Hydropower generated at the plant will displace more expensive electricity purchased from outside suppliers, saving the city about $1 million during the first full year of operation. The project is expected to employ about 85 construction workers; however, when in operation, only a small number of full-time jobs will be needed to run the hydroelectric plant. The Copper Penny Lounge was torn down in October and will be replaced with a new two-story, $500,000 lounge. The new lounge will seat 400 people on the ground floor and 175 in the upper story.

GALLUP / GRANTS AREA: Southwest Indian Arts Inc., a Grants-based manufacturer and wholesaler of Indian arts products, has been awarded $105,000 from the state Economic Development and Tourism Department for in-plant training of 60 workers. Acoma Pueblo plans to build a $50 million travel center on pueblo land 60 miles west of Albuquerque. The center will include a full-service truck facility, a truckers' club, RV facilities, and a hotel/motel complex with a restaurant. The project is expected to create about 125 jobs.

HOBBS / LOVINGTON AREA: Rotary oil well drilling in the Permian Basin dipped to 273 working rigs in mid-October, according to figures compiled by Reed Tool Company. The area, which is made up of Lea and adjacent New Mexico and West Texas counties, reported 367 working rigs for the same week in 1984. Jet Construction Company in Hobbs closed, resulting in the layoff of 30 workers.

LAS CRUCES AREA: Work on the new 60,000-square-foot Biad chile processing plant north of Las Cruces near Leasburg is progressing, with an anticipated completion date of late December. The plant is expected to employ at least 50 workers during the processing season. Area chile processors, including Joy Canning, Mountain Pass, and Border Foods, all laid off their seasonal workforce in mid-November, ending this year's chile processing season. Approximately 500 area workers are employed for two and one-half months each year processing the chile crop for use in the nation's Mexican food industry. Diamond Liquor Company closed its Las Cruces facilities in early November, resulting in the layoff of about 100 workers. A 158 acre development, Los Ranchos Del Rio Subdivision, located in Sunland Park, has recently been developed by American Service Corporation, an Albuquerque based development firm. The project contains 61 lots, consisting of 1 to 5 acre parcels, specifically designed for equestrian use.

LAS VEGAS AREA: Ground was broken in November for the new San Miquel County Jail. The jail will cost about $750,000 and is scheduled to open in April 1986.

LOS ALAMOS AREA: According to a report released by Los Alamos National Laboratories (LANL), the lab directly and indirectly creates about 23,200 jobs in Los Alamos, Rio Arriba, and Santa Fe Counties. The report also states that the LANL has a total economic impact of about $1.4 billion annually on the three-county area. The Sport 1 outlet in Los Alamos reopened in mid-November as Sun Mountain Sports.

SANTA FE AREA: Alfonso's, a Santa Fe restaurant, permanently closed in October, laying off about 21 employees. The De Vargas Hotel closed in mid-November. The Steaksmith restaurant in the De Vargas Hotel also closed and laid off 30 employees. The De Vargas Hotel is being remodeled, and the facility will reopen next July as the St. Francis Hotel. Construction has begun on a three-story, 130-room La Quinta Motor Inn on the southwest corner of the Villa Linda Mall. Gardenswartz Sportz opened an 11,137-square-foot sporting goods store in the $4 million Loma Vista Shopping Center in late November.

SILVER CITY / LORDSBURG AREA: The Chino Mines Co. copper smelter resumed operations in mid-October, resulting in the recall of about 100 workers. Production is underway at the new Victorio Homes manufactured housing plant in Lordsburg. The 48,000-square-foot facility currently employs about 30 persons.

TAOS AREA: The 150-worker layoff in mid-October at Molycorp's molybdenum mine in Questa will significantly increase Taos County's unemployment rate for November. The October unemployment figures in this month's Review do not reflect the layoff because it occurred subsequent to the reference week for the monthly estimates. (Monthly employment and unemployment estimates actually pertain to the week including the 12th of the month). The Carson National Forest has begun its seasonal layoffs. The national forest laid off about 30 workers last month and anticipates an additional 20 more layoffs within the next 30 days. They currently employ about 350 workers.

TUCUMCARI AREA: The Tucumcari Inn opened for business in November with about 25 employees. Cutter Flying Service of Albuquerque has opened a sub-office at the Tucumcari airport.

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CPI-U - 325.5
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CPI-U - All Urban Consumers
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NEW MEXICO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/

	PRELIMINARY OCTOBER 1985				REVISED SEPTEMBER 1985				REVISED OCTOBER 1984			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	656,014	599,664	56,350	8.6%	651,816	594,972	56,844	8.7%	644,256	598,746	45,510	7.1%
ALBUQUERQUE MSA 2/	248,009	232,006	16,003	6.5%	248,257	231,733	16,524	6.7%	240,689	226,294	14,395	6.0%
LAS CRUCES MSA 3/	46,641	42,414	4,227	9.1%	45,060	40,866	4,194	9.3%	44,971	41,756	3,215	7.1%
Catron	1,063	903	160	15.1%	1,002	872	130	13.0%	1,000	896	104	10.4%
Chaves	25,265	23,390	1,875	7.4%	25,268	23,190	2,078	8.2%	25,394	23,844	1,550	6.1%
Cibola	10,820	8,760	2,060	19.0%	10,860	8,827	2,033	18.7%	10,880	9,288	1,592	14.6%
Colfax	7,040	6,250	790	11.2%	7,052	6,356	696	9.9%	6,648	6,117	531	8.0%
Curry	16,033	14,872	1,161	7.2%	15,869	14,619	1,250	7.9%	16,284	15,228	1,056	6.5%
De Baca	1,078	961	117	10.9%	1,046	950	96	9.2%	1,088	1,010	78	7.2%
Eddy	23,823	20,834	2,989	12.5%	23,260	20,925	2,335	10.0%	23,826	21,977	1,849	7.8%
Grant	9,859	8,549	1,310	13.3%	10,003	8,015	1,988	19.9%	10,323	9,118	1,205	11.7%
Guadalupe	1,636	1,431	205	12.5%	1,604	1,416	188	11.7%	1,529	1,434	95	6.2%
Harding	670	623	47	7.0%	661	616	45	6.8%	632	605	27	4.3%
Hidalgo	2,657	2,445	212	8.0%	2,625	2,390	235	9.0%	2,587	2,463	124	4.8%
Lea	31,399	29,682	1,717	5.5%	31,266	29,519	1,747	5.6%	31,486	30,214	1,272	4.0%
Lincoln	8,528	7,983	545	6.4%	9,501	8,944	557	5.9%	8,234	7,791	443	5.4%
Los Alamos	12,187	11,876	311	2.6%	12,205	11,972	233	1.9%	11,987	11,745	242	2.0%
Luna	6,120	5,280	840	13.7%	5,537	4,633	904	16.3%	5,805	5,318	487	8.4%
McKinley	17,228	14,730	2,498	14.5%	17,002	14,660	2,342	13.8%	17,534	15,732	1,802	10.3%
Mora	1,284	845	439	34.2%	1,169	829	340	29.1%	1,145	838	307	26.8%
Otero	15,896	14,420	1,476	9.3%	15,617	14,300	1,317	8.4%	15,659	14,532	1,127	7.2%
Quay	5,542	5,054	488	8.8%	5,496	5,011	485	8.8%	5,664	5,311	353	6.2%
Rio Arriba	12,069	9,962	2,107	17.5%	11,828	9,723	2,105	17.8%	11,545	9,918	1,627	14.1%
Roosevelt	8,712	8,332	380	4.4%	8,143	7,709	434	5.3%	8,726	8,350	376	4.3%
Sandoval	15,074	13,483	1,591	10.6%	14,867	13,288	1,579	10.6%	14,329	13,278	1,051	7.3%
San Juan	37,044	32,754	4,290	11.6%	37,100	32,372	4,728	12.7%	38,899	34,659	4,240	10.9%
San Miguel	9,775	8,456	1,319	13.5%	8,999	7,816	1,183	13.1%	9,367	8,351	1,016	10.8%
Santa Fe	44,670	42,102	2,568	5.7%	44,901	42,224	2,677	6.0%	42,921	40,875	2,046	4.8%
Sierra	2,754	2,533	221	8.0%	2,703	2,470	233	8.6%	2,647	2,508	139	5.3%
Socorro	5,133	4,656	477	9.3%	4,879	4,467	412	8.4%	4,979	4,652	327	6.6%
Taos	11,283	9,293	1,990	17.6%	11,273	9,396	1,877	16.7%	10,773	9,214	1,559	14.5%
Torrance	2,701	2,330	371	13.7%	2,703	2,345	358	13.2%	2,432	2,230	202	8.3%
Union	2,589	2,481	108	4.2%	2,593	2,468	125	4.8%	2,718	2,625	93	3.4%
Valencia	11,432	9,974	1,458	12.8%	11,467	10,051	1,416	12.3%	11,555	10,575	980	8.5%

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

2/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Bernalillo County

3/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Dona Ana County

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HIGHLIGHTS

New Mexico's unemployment rate decreased from 8.8% to 8.6% in November, according to preliminary estimates. Approximately 3,300 fewer persons were in New Mexico's labor force in November, with both employment and unemployment recording declines over the month. U.S. figures for November indicate an unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) of 6.7%, down from 6.8% in October.

Much of New Mexico's 1,400 employment loss in November was the result of normal seasonal changes such as slowdown in building activity and layoffs in food manufacturing and in tourism related trade and service. Employment in the mining industry fell again in November as MolyCorp laid off workers at its molybdenum mine in Questa, AMAX closed its potash mine near Carlsbad, and other employers in the industry reduced payrolls during the month. December estimates will reflect more job losses in mining due to a five-week shutdown at Potash Company of America in Eddy County.

The disparity between employment trends in Albuquerque and balance of New Mexico areas continues to be in evidence. Employment in the state's mining industry has continued to lose ground this year, losing approximately 2,200 jobs over the last twelve months. Since Albuquerque has very few mining jobs, this alone has caused a significant divergence in employment patterns between the state and its largest population center.

Other industries have also contributed to the contrast. Albuquerque's construction sector continued to expand in 1985, adding approximately 2,000 jobs since November 1984. The building industry outside of Albuquerque has not fared so well. Subtracting the city's construction growth since last November from statewide figures indicates a loss of almost 1,800 jobs over the period in areas outside of Albuquerque.

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NOVEMBER SUMMARY

	Prel. Nov. 1985	Revised Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984	Change From Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	653,400	656,700	638,000	-3,300	+15,400
Employment	597,500	598,900	593,100	-1,400	+4,400
Unemployment	55,900	57,800	44,900	-1,900	+11,000
Rate	8.6%	8.8%	7.0%		

NEW MEXICO

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim NOV 1985	*Revised* OCT 1985	*Revised* NOV 1984	*Change From*	
				OCT 1985	NOV 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	521,800	522,222	514,100	- 400	+7,700
MINING	19,400	19,800	21,600	- 400	-2,200
Metal Mining	3,000	3,100	3,900	- 100	- 900
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining	3,500	3,800	4,200	- 300	- 700
Oil and Gas Extraction	12,900	12,900	13,500	0	- 600
CONSTRUCTION	36,800	37,200	36,600	- 400	+ 200
MANUFACTURING	37,500	37,700	37,600	- 200	- 100
Durable Goods	24,500	24,300	24,100	+ 200	+ 400
Lumber and Wood Products	2,600	2,600	2,500	0	+ 100
Elec. and Electronic Equipment	6,300	6,200	6,500	+ 100	- 200
Transportation Equipment	4,300	4,200	3,600	+ 100	+ 700
Other Durable Goods	11,300	11,300	11,500	0	- 200
Nondurable Goods	13,000	13,400	13,500	- 400	- 500
Food and Kindred Products	4,300	4,800	4,300	- 500	0
Textiles and Apparel	2,400	2,400	2,600	0	- 200
Other Nondurable Goods	6,300	6,200	6,600	+ 100	- 300
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	29,700	29,900	30,400	- 200	- 700
Railroad Transportation	2,100	2,100	2,300	0	- 200
Trucking and Warehousing	6,100	6,100	6,300	0	- 200
Other Transportation	4,700	4,700	4,400	0	+ 300
Communication	7,300	7,400	7,700	- 100	- 400
Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services	9,500	9,600	9,700	- 100	- 200
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	126,900	125,400	121,300	+1,500	+5,600
Wholesale Trade	22,400	22,400	22,400	0	0
Durable Goods	12,900	13,000	12,900	- 100	0
Nondurable Goods	9,500	9,400	9,500	+ 100	0
Retail Trade	104,500	103,000	98,900	+1,500	+5,600
General Merchandise Stores	12,100	11,500	10,900	+ 600	+1,200
Food Stores	15,500	15,200	14,700	+ 300	+ 800
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	12,700	12,700	12,700	0	0
Eating and Drinking Places	37,100	37,200	35,100	- 100	+ 200
Other Retail Trade	27,100	26,400	25,500	+ 700	+1,600
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	25,600	25,600	24,700	0	+ 900
Banking	8,200	8,200	8,300	0	- 100
Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers	5,900	5,900	5,600	0	+ 300
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	11,500	11,500	10,800	0	+ 700
SERVICES	111,600	112,000	109,400	- 400	+2,200
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	10,900	11,300	10,600	- 400	+ 300
Personal Services	5,500	5,500	5,600	0	- 100
Business Services	25,600	25,800	24,400	- 200	+1,200
Health Services	27,000	26,900	26,000	+ 300	+1,000
Social Services	7,000	6,900	6,900	+ 100	+ 100
Membership Organizations	6,900	6,900	8,700	0	-1,800
Other Services	28,700	28,700	27,200	0	+1,500
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	134,300	134,600	132,500	- 300	+1,800
Federal Government	29,000	29,500	28,800	- 500	+ 200
Total State & Local	105,300	105,100	103,700	+ 200	+1,600
State 2/	48,400	48,500	47,000	- 100	+1,400
Local	56,900	56,600	56,700	+ 300	+ 200

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

2/ *Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.*

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)

HIGHLIGHTS

The Albuquerque area unemployment rate was 6.5 percent in November, down from the October rate of 6.8 percent, according to preliminary labor force estimates. The number of unemployed was down by 600 while employment increased by 800.

The unemployment rate was 5.7 percent one year ago. This November, 7,300 more people were employed than in November 1984, however, 2,700 more persons were unemployed.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment was 221,500 in November, an increase of 500 jobs over the month. Construction continued its winter decline, food manufacturing dropped by about 250 jobs as area food processors reduced employment, and retail trade increased as merchants began hiring for the Christmas shopping season. Electronic equipment manufacturing has experienced a general decline in employment since November 1984, but hiring by a few firms did result in a small increase in the subsector (+100) this November.

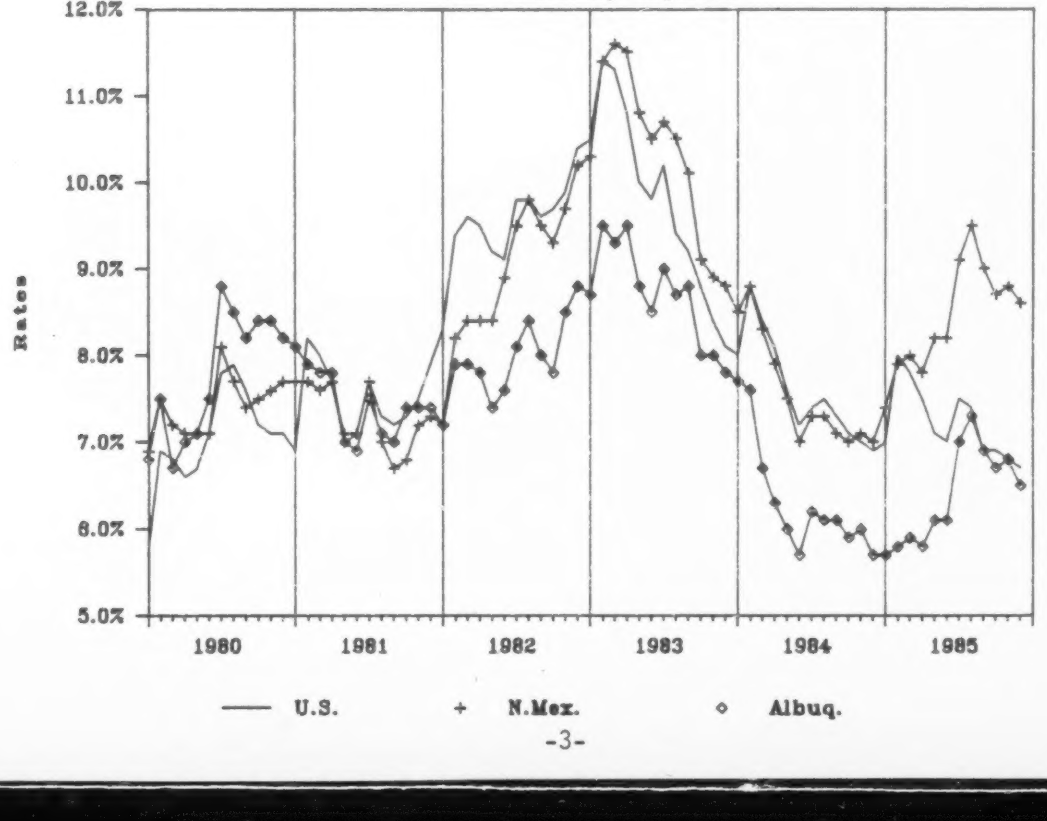
Since one year ago, wage and salary employment in Albuquerque has added 9,000 jobs. About ninety percent of the gain was in construction, retail trade, and services. The major contributors in retail trade were eating & drinking places (+1,800); sporting goods, drug, jewelry & toy stores (+500); food stores (+500); building material establishments (+400); and apparel & accessory stores (+200). In services, business, health, and miscellaneous services accounted for much of the gain.

NOVEMBER SUMMARY

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	Nov. 1985	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984	Oct. 1985	Nov. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	248,900	248,700	238,900	+ 200	+10,800
Employment	232,600	231,800	225,300	+ 800	+7,300
Unemployment	16,300	16,900	13,600	- 600	+2,700
Rate	6.5%	6.8%	5.7%		

Unemployment Rates

Not Seasonally Adjusted



ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim NOV 1985	*Revised* OCT 1985	*Revised* NOV 1984	*Change From* OCT 1985	NOV 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	221,500	221,000	212,500	+500	+9,000
MINING	300	200	300	+100	0
CONSTRUCTION	17,800	17,900	15,900	-100	+1,900
MANUFACTURING	19,500	19,600	19,600	-100	- 100
Durable Goods	13,600	13,500	13,900	+100	- 300
Nondurable Goods	5,900	6,100	5,700	-200	+ 200
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	12,000	12,000	12,300	0	- 300
Transportation	5,700	5,700	5,800	0	- 100
Communication	3,800	3,800	4,000	0	- 200
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	0
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	58,200	57,600	54,700	+600	+3,500
Wholesale Trade	13,700	13,700	13,700	0	0
Durable Goods	8,800	8,800	8,800	0	0
Nondurable Goods	4,900	4,900	4,900	0	0
Retail Trade	44,500	43,900	41,000	+600	+3,500
General Merchandise Stores	4,400	4,100	4,500	+300	- 100
Food Stores	5,100	5,000	4,600	+100	+ 500
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	4,800	4,800	4,600	0	+ 200
Eating and Drinking Places	17,000	17,200	15.200	-200	+1,800
Other Retail Trade	13,200	12,800	12,100	+400	+1,100
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	13,500	13,400	12,800	+100	+ 700
Banking	3,300	3,200	3,200	+100	+ 100
Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers	3,600	3,600	3,500	0	+ 100
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	6,600	6,600	6,100	0	+ 500
SERVICES	56,100	56,100	53,300	0	+2,800
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	3,100	3,200	3,000	-100	+ 100
Health Services	13,000	13,000	12,400	0	+ 600
Social Services	2,700	2,700	2,600	0	+ 100
Membership Organizations	1,800	1,800	1,600	0	+ 200
Other Services	35,500	35,400	33,700	+100	+1,800
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	44,100	44,200	43,600	-100	+ 500
Federal Government	12,300	12,400	11,900	-100	+ 400
Total State & Local	31,800	31,800	31,700	0	+ 100
State	13,200	13,300	13,000	-100	+ 200
Local	18,600	18,500	18,700	+100	- 100

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY) 1/

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim NOV 1985	*Revised* OCT 1985	*Revised* NOV 1984	*Change From* OCT 1985	NOV 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	38,350	38,200	37,000	+150	+1,350
MINING 2/	0	0	0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2,700	2,700	2,700	0	0
MANUFACTURING	3,100	3,500	3,400	-400	- 300
Durable Goods	1,250	1,200	1,200	+ 50	+ 50
Nondurable Goods	1,850	2,300	2,200	-450	- 350
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,450	1,450	1,450	0	0
Transportation	650	650	650	0	0
Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service	800	800	800	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	8,350	8,100	7,750	+250	+ 600
Wholesale Trade	850	850	850	0	0
Retail Trade	7,500	7,250	6,900	+250	+ 600
General Merchandise Stores	950	900	800	+ 50	+ 150
Food Stores	950	950	1,000	0	- 50
Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations	850	850	850	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3,000	2,900	2,700	+100	+ 300
Other Retail Trade	1,750	1,650	1,550	+100	+ 200
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	1,550	1,550	1,400	0	+ 150
SERVICES	5,200	5,200	4,900	0	+ 300
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	650	650	550	0	+ 100
Business Services	850	850	850	0	0
Health Services	1,150	1,150	1,100	0	+ 50
Social Services	350	350	300	0	+ 50
Other Services	2,200	2,200	2,100	0	+ 100
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	16,000	15,700	15,400	+300	+ 600
Federal Government	4,700	4,700	4,500	0	+ 200
Total State & Local	11,300	11,000	10,900	+300	+ 400
State	6,200	6,000	6,100	+200	+ 100
Local	5,100	5,000	4,800	+100	+ 300

1/ *In accordance with the CES Manual, those published cells with less than 2,000 employment are rounded to fifty. Those published cells with more than 2,000 employment are rounded to hundreds.*

2/ *The employment for the Las Cruces MSA is rounded to fifty. Because employment in this industry is below 25, it appears as zero.*

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION, CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	NOV 1985	OCT 1985	NOV 1984	NOV 1985	OCT 1985	NOV 1984	NOV 1985	OCT 1985	NOV 1984
NEW MEXICO									
MINING	$474.71	$518.96	$467.41	41.1	43.5	41.4	$11.55	$11.93	$11.29
CONSTRUCTION	363.55	373.45	371.11	32.9	35.0	36.1	11.05	10.67	10.28
MANUFACTURING	340.98	325.14	328.43	40.4	39.7	40.2	8.44	8.19	8.17
Durable Goods	345.91	336.54	340.20	40.6	39.5	40.5	8.52	8.52	8.40
Nondurable Gds	329.97	301.10	303.34	39.9	40.2	39.6	8.27	7.49	7.66
COMM and UTIL	534.24	479.52	447.86	48.7	42.7	41.7	10.97	11.23	10.74
TRADE*	257.60	248.06	259.35	35.0	34.5	35.0	7.36	7.19	7.41
BANKING	222.12	217.20	197.62	38.1	40.0	35.8	5.83	5.43	5.52
ALBUQUERQUE									
MANUFACTURING	$326.00	$342.05	$321.08	40.0	40.1	39.3	$ 8.15	$ 8.53	$ 8.17

* *Excludes Eating and Drinking Places*

Note: *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.*

AREA ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

ALBUQUERQUE AREA: The Winrock Inn plans to add two towers to its current 174-room hotel. The $12 million project is expected to start in about nine months and take about 21 months to complete. Stuart-James Company, a national investment banking firm in the over-the-counter market, has opened an Albuquerque office. The local office employs a staff of 14 people and expects to hire a total of 34 brokers. Weaver Construction began work in December on The Presidio, a 25,000-square-foot office building at 11200 Lomas NE.

ALAMOGORDO/RUIDOSO AREA: Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Hospital officials are proposing to build a new $12 million hospital on an 80-acre tract in Ruidoso within the next 18 months. The project is contingent on voter approval and other financing arrangements. Thomasen Construction Co. of Hobbs was awarded a $2 million contract to reconstruct a portion of White Sands Boulevard in Alamogordo. Furrs, Inc. has purchased a 12.5-acre tract of land in Ruidoso, and the company plans to build a shopping center containing a Furrs food store within a year.

CARLSBAD/ARTESIA AREA: As a result of the continuing slump in the potash market, Potash Company of America (PCA) suspended operations at its area mine on November 30, idling approximately 350 workers. Mine officials have indicated that production should resume January 7; however, market conditions will be reassessed prior to the anticipated start-up date. Bids have been opened for two large projects at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIIP). Cavern City Construction was the low bidder of $850,400 for the building of the gatehouse building and erosion control work at WIIP. Lord Electric Co. of Englewood, CO. submitted a low bid of $1,037,350 for construction of a central monitoring system for WIIP. Wal-Mart is expected to open its new store in Carlsbad in mid-January, with about 40 full-time and 60 part-time workers.

CLOVIS/PORTALES AREA: EXCEL Corporation, a Friona, TX meat packing company, laid off approximately 1,100 workers for two weeks in late December. The laid off workers included about 700 Curry County residents. The City of Clovis has advertised for bids on construction of its new estimated $5 million wastewater treatment facility. Bids for the project are scheduled to be opened January 14.

FARMINGTON AREA: Three oil companies have purchased land in Farmington for new office buildings. Merrion Oil and Gas Corp., an independent oil and gas producer based in Farmington, has broken ground on a 13,500-square-foot office building on Reilly Avenue. Amoco Products Company is planning an 18,000-square-foot office building on two acres purchased on east 30th Street, and Hixon Development Company is planning an 11,000-square-foot office building across from Amoco's planned site. A Bureau of Land Management spokesman said the San Juan Coal Company should receive federal and state permits early in 1986, allowing construction to start on the proposed La Plata Mine. San Juan Coal is planning to extract about 70 million tons of coal from the 1,643-acre mine over its 32-year life span for use by the San Juan Generating Station. The mine, which is located in northern San Juan County just south of the New Mexico-Colorado border, is expected to employ approximately 150 workers.

HOBBS/LOVINGTON AREA: Phillips Petroleum Company officials dedicated the firm's new $1.2 million office and shop facility in Hobbs in early December. The building will house the company's district exploration, production, and administrative offices, which employ approximately 60 workers. Sanders Chevrolet and Nissan of Lovington is planning to open a new Toyota dealership in Hobbs. Businesses in Hobbs closing recently include Belcher Enterprises, with about 20 workers, and Big Horn Trucking, which employed six workers.

LAS CRUCES AREA: Hughes Aircraft is looking at the Entrada del Sol industrial park in Las Cruces as the location of its plant to manufacture Roland missiles for the U.S. National Guard. The Hughes plant would employ approximately 50 workers. The new 85-bed Valley View psychiatric hospital in Las Cruces is expected to admit its first patient in December. Valley View is owned and operated by Healthcare Services of America. A $750,000 building permit was issued in December to Quinones Construction for expansion of the Lohman Atrium office complex on Lohman Ave. William Kiser Construction has begun a new $430,000 phase of the firm's condominium office complex on Telshor Blvd. Local developer C.B. Smith and Sons is planning to build a 6.8 acre strip shopping center on Del Monte and Espanola Streets in Las Cruces. The 44,000-square-foot center will contain about 10 professional offices and 20 specialty shops and restaurants.

RATON/CLAYTON AREA: Kaiser Coal Company was forced to lay off 100 miners for one week in late November due to an equipment shipment delay. Kaiser also laid off 24 miners indefinitely in December because of a postponement of new mine developments. The recent layoffs drop employment at the York Canyon mine from 440 to about 415.

ROSWELL AREA: Lufthansa Airlines is again training its pilots at the Roswell Municipal Airport as it did for almost ten years from 1974 to early 1984. As of mid-December, the German airline had about 50 workers in Roswell, including maintenance personnel and crews.

SANTA FE AREA: Laminates Inc. has received about $250,000 from The New Mexico Business Development Corp. to expand and modernize its plant and add new products. The company expects to increase its workforce from 11 to about 30. A 96-unit, $6.4 million all-suite hotel is planned for the northwest intersection of St. Michael's Drive and Galisteo. The hotel will have 104 rooms. Stuart-James Company plans to open a brokerage office in Santa Fe in early 1986. The $3 million renovation and upgrading of Santa Fe's Hilton Inn is progressing, and the hotel is now partially open. The Hospital Corporation of America broke ground on a $4.2 million, 75-bed psychiatric hospital on St. Michaels Drive in December. St. Vincent Hospital dedicated its new $3.2 million, 37-bed psychiatric wing in December. The former Santa Fe Motor Co. building on Cerrillos Road will undergo a $3.8 million renovation to convert the property into a market. Work on the project will begin in January, and completion is scheduled for June.

SILVER CITY/LORDSBURG AREA: The Southwest New Mexico Industrial Development Corp. (IDC), has completed its master plan for an industrial park on 140 acres near the Grant County Airport. Under the plan, the IDC will now disassemble a large building at the Hurley plant of Chino Mines Co. and relocate it to the park as an attraction to new industry.

SOCORRO AREA: Magdalena Village trustees have agreed to apply for a $500,000 Community Development Block Grant to help finance an electronics assembly plant. TAMSCO, an electronics firm, hopes to begin operations in the new plant by December 1986 and employ about 60 people.

TAOS AREA: Wal-Mart plans to open its new store in Taos the first week in March. The store expects to hire about 80 people. The Taos Town Council has passed an ordinance to issue $1.5 million in industrial revenue bonds to build a professional office building.

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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
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CPI-U - 326.6
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(Base Year 1967 = 100)
CPI-U - All Urban Consumers
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Employment in the state's large trade and services industries has also followed a similar pattern of stronger growth in Albuquerque than in the balance of state. For example, trade employment in Albuquerque has increased by slightly over 6% during the last year, compared to 3.4% in the balance of state. The opening of large shopping malls in Santa Fe and Clovis has helped the general merchandise and apparel subsectors of trade grow faster outside of Albuquerque; however, employment at restaurants, food stores, and building material stores has increased much faster in Albuquerque than in balance of state. Services exhibited even more contrast, with Albuquerque growth of 2,600 jobs compared with a 700 loss in the balance of state area over the last twelve months. This large difference is somewhat misleading because one service subsector, membership organizations, experienced a very large employment increase in the third and fourth quarters of 1984 and an equally large decrease in early 1985. This was the result of short-term hiring by the Navajo Tribe as part of their employment and training program. Discounting this large employment swing, services closely followed the pattern shown by trade of a growth rate in Albuquerque approximately double that of balance of state.

Manufacturing is the one major industry which did not fare as well in Albuquerque as balance of state over the last year. The city's manufacturing industry has lost approximately 100 jobs in the last year, compared with a 100 job gain in areas outside of Albuquerque. Two manufacturing subsectors in Albuquerque, electronic equipment and non-electrical machinery, have lost substantial numbers of jobs, almost 700 total since November 1984. Offsetting these losses somewhat have been some moderate gains in the city's transportation equipment and professional & scientific equipment subsectors. In balance of state, growth in transportation equipment and nonelectrical machinery manufacturing were only partially counterbalanced by layoffs in apparel and petroleum refining.

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New Publication - Large Employers in New Mexico by County

The Bureau of Economic Research and Analysis has recently published a revised list of Large Employers in New Mexico by County which provides company names, addresses, phone numbers, and type of business for all employers with 25 or more workers. Copies are available at no charge by writing to ER & A Bureau 6097, Employment Security Department, P.O. Box 1928, Albuquerque N.M. 87103, or by calling (505) 841-8645.

NEW MEXICO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/

	PRELIMINARY NOVEMBER 1985				REVISED OCTOBER 1985				REVISED NOVEMBER 1984			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	653,446	597,515	55,931	8.6%	656,700	598,879	57,821	8.8%	638,000	593,051	44,949	7.0%
ALBUQUERQUE MSA 2/	248,852	232,571	16,281	6.5%	248,703	231,810	16,893	6.8%	238,831	225,252	13,579	5.7%
LAS CRUCES MSA 3/	46,434	42,581	3,853	8.3%	46,503	42,233	4,270	9.2%	44,904	41,835	3,069	6.8%
Catron	1,002	811	191	19.1%	1,068	903	165	15.4%	938	800	138	14.7%
Chaves	24,957	23,208	1,749	7.0%	25,264	23,366	1,898	7.5%	24,566	23,151	1,415	5.8%
Cibola	10,421	8,523	1,898	18.2%	10,794	8,750	2,044	18.9%	10,685	9,116	1,569	14.7%
Colfax	6,901	6,060	841	12.2%	6,984	6,171	813	11.6%	6,605	6,012	593	9.0%
Curry	15,923	14,674	1,249	7.8%	16,113	14,857	1,256	7.8%	16,072	15,023	1,049	6.5%
De Baca	1,025	911	114	11.1%	1,074	960	114	10.6%	1,038	974	64	6.2%
Eddy	23,171	20,657	2,514	10.8%	23,537	20,813	2,724	11.6%	23,512	21,642	1,870	8.0%
Grant	9,681	8,550	1,131	11.7%	9,860	8,540	1,320	13.4%	10,117	8,893	1,224	12.1%
Guadalupe	1,619	1,371	248	15.3%	1,647	1,430	217	13.2%	1,472	1,352	120	8.2%
Harding	719	645	74	10.3%	668	622	46	6.9%	607	574	33	5.4%
Hidalgo	2,580	2,389	191	7.4%	2,657	2,442	215	8.1%	2,588	2,426	162	6.3%
Lea	31,121	29,568	1,553	5.0%	31,465	29,651	1,814	5.8%	31,323	29,995	1,328	4.2%
Lincoln	8,340	7,787	553	6.6%	8,544	7,975	569	6.7%	7,795	7,449	346	4.4%
Los Alamos	12,288	11,954	334	2.7%	12,167	11,864	303	2.5%	11,918	11,738	180	1.5%
Luna	5,759	4,853	906	15.7%	6,135	5,274	861	14.0%	5,536	4,774	762	13.8%
McKinley	17,205	14,792	2,413	14.0%	17,263	14,715	2,548	14.8%	17,488	15,657	1,831	10.5%
Mora	1,307	803	504	38.6%	1,279	844	435	34.0%	1,077	779	298	27.7%
Otero	15,832	14,432	1,400	8.8%	15,936	14,405	1,531	9.6%	15,552	14,444	1,108	7.1%
Quay	5,356	4,917	439	8.2%	5,545	5,049	496	8.9%	5,552	5,145	407	7.3%
Rio Arriba	12,082	9,780	2,302	19.1%	12,078	9,952	2,126	17.6%	12,017	10,071	1,946	16.2%
Roosevelt	8,563	8,115	448	5.2%	8,765	8,323	442	5.0%	8,427	8,088	339	4.0%
Sandoval	15,236	13,590	1,646	10.8%	15,112	13,469	1,643	10.9%	14,393	13,259	1,134	7.9%
San Juan	36,920	32,769	4,151	11.2%	37,092	32,721	4,371	11.8%	38,245	34,334	3,911	10.2%
San Miguel	9,398	8,175	1,223	13.0%	9,754	8,447	1,307	13.4%	9,314	8,303	1,011	10.9%
Santa Fe	45,223	42,509	2,714	6.0%	44,792	42,059	2,733	6.1%	42,554	40,576	1,978	4.6%
Sierra	2,890	2,680	210	7.3%	2,774	2,530	244	8.8%	2,573	2,424	149	5.8%
Socorro	4,995	4,558	437	8.7%	5,134	4,651	483	9.4%	4,985	4,636	349	7.0%
Taos	11,472	9,044	2,428	21.2%	11,247	9,283	1,964	17.5%	10,946	9,320	1,626	14.9%
Torrance	2,656	2,244	412	15.5%	2,712	2,328	384	14.2%	2,389	2,174	215	9.0%
Union	2,414	2,288	126	5.2%	2,597	2,478	119	4.6%	2,588	2,455	133	5.1%
Valencia	11,104	9,706	1,398	12.6%	11,437	9,964	1,473	12.9%	11,393	10,380	1,013	8.9%

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

2/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Bernalillo County

3/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Dona Ana County

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HIGHLIGHTS

New Mexico's unemployment rate held steady at 8.6 percent in December, according to preliminary estimates. The number of jobless was little changed over the month at 56,200, while total employment rose by 2,000 due largely to temporary hiring for the holiday season. The U.S. unemployment rate in December of 6.7 percent (not seasonally adjusted) was also the same as in November.

The number of employees on nonagricultural payrolls in New Mexico increased by 1,800 in December. The 2,100 additional retail trade jobs and the 300 increase in motor freight transportation were close to the expected holiday gains. The services industry also reported seasonal hiring during the month, as most of the state's ski resorts opened for the winter and tax preparation firms began hiring. Partially offsetting these increases were the usual winter job losses in construction, food processing, and lumber production.

Mining employment slipped further during December. Approximately 375 workers at the Lundberg Industries potash mine near Carlsbad, formerly owned by Potash Company of America, were laid off for an indefinite period.

According to preliminary employment estimates for 1985, New Mexico finished the year with employment growth of 2.3 percent over 1984. This is slower growth than experienced in either of the two previous years. Reasons for the poorer performance in 1985 center on the large layoffs in mining and in construction outside of the Albuquerque area and other smaller employment reductions in areas such as electronic and machinery manufacturing, railroad transportation, utilities, and communications. Another major factor was the generally slower growth in the state's large trade and services industries during 1985.

DECEMBER SUMMARY

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	Dec. 1985	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	656,600	654,700	639,400	+1,900	+17,200
Employment	600,400	598,400	592,000	+2,000	+8,400
Unemployment	56,200	56,300	47,400	- 100	+8,800
Rate	8.6%	8.6%	7.4%		

NEW MEXICO

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim DEC 1985	*Revised* NOV 1985	*Revised* DEC 1984	*Change From* NOV 1985	*Change From* DEC 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	524,500	522,700	512,600	+1,800	+11,900
MINING	19,600	19,700	21,700	- 100	- 2,100
Metal Mining	2,900	2,900	4,000	0	- 1,100
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining	3,400	3,800	4,300	- 400	- 900
Oil and Gas Extraction	13,300	13,000	13,400	+ 300	- 100
CONSTRUCTION	35,200	36,600	35,300	-1,400	- 100
MANUFACTURING	37,400	37,500	36,800	- 100	+ 600
Durable Goods	24,500	24,600	23,700	- 100	+ 800
Lumber and Wood Products	2,500	2,600	2,400	- 100	+ 100
Elec. and Electronic Equipment	6,400	6,300	6,500	+ 100	- 100
Transportation Equipment	4,300	4,300	3,500	0	+ 800
Other Durable Goods	11,300	11,400	11,300	- 100	0
Nondurable Goods	12,900	12,900	13,100	0	- 200
Food and Kindred Products	4,200	4,300	4,100	- 100	+ 100
Textiles and Apparel	2,400	2,400	2,600	0	- 200
Other Nondurable Goods	6,300	6,200	6,400	+ 100	- 100
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	30,000	29,700	30,600	+ 300	- 600
Railroad Transportation	2,100	2,100	2,300	0	- 200
Trucking and Warehousing	6,400	6,100	6,400	+ 300	0
Other Transportation	4,700	4,700	4,400	0	+ 300
Communication	7,300	7,300	7,700	0	- 400
Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services	9,500	9,500	9,800	0	- 300
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	129,200	127,100	123,400	+2,100	+ 5,800
Wholesale Trade	22,300	22,300	22,400	0	- 100
Durable Goods	12,900	12,900	12,900	0	0
Nondurable Goods	9,400	9,400	9,500	0	- 100
Retail Trade	106,900	104,800	101,000	+2,100	+ 5,900
General Merchandise Stores	12,500	12,000	11,500	+ 500	+ 1,000
Food Stores	15,700	15,500	14,800	+ 200	+ 900
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	12,800	12,800	12,700	0	+ 100
Eating and Drinking Places	37,500	37,300	35,400	+ 200	+ 2,100
Other Retail Trade	28,400	27,200	26,600	+1,200	+ 1,800
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	25,700	25,600	24,900	+ 100	+ 800
Banking	8,200	8,200	8,300	0	- 100
Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers	5,900	5,900	5,700	0	+ 200
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	11,600	11,500	10,900	+ 100	+ 700
SERVICES	112,900	111,600	108,100	+1,300	+ 4,800
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	10,900	10,900	10,500	0	+ 400
Personal Services	5,600	5,500	5,700	+ 100	- 100
Business Services	26,200	25,700	24,700	+ 500	+ 1,500
Health Services	27,100	27,000	25,900	+ 100	+ 1,200
Social Services	7,000	7,000	7,000	0	0
Membership Organizations	6,500	6,800	6,400	- 300	+ 100
Other Services	29,600	28,700	27,900	+ 900	+ 1,700
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	134,500	134,900	131,800	- 400	+ 2,700
Federal Government	29,100	29,200	29,100	- 100	0
Total State & Local	105,400	105,700	102,700	- 300	+ 2,700
State 2/	47,800	48,300	45,900	- 500	+ 1,900
Local	57,600	57,400	56,800	+ 200	+ 800

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

2/ *Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.*

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)

The Albuquerque area unemployment rate was 6.3 percent in December, down from 6.5 percent in November according to preliminary estimates. The number of employed increased by 2,000 over the month, and the number unemployed declined by 500.

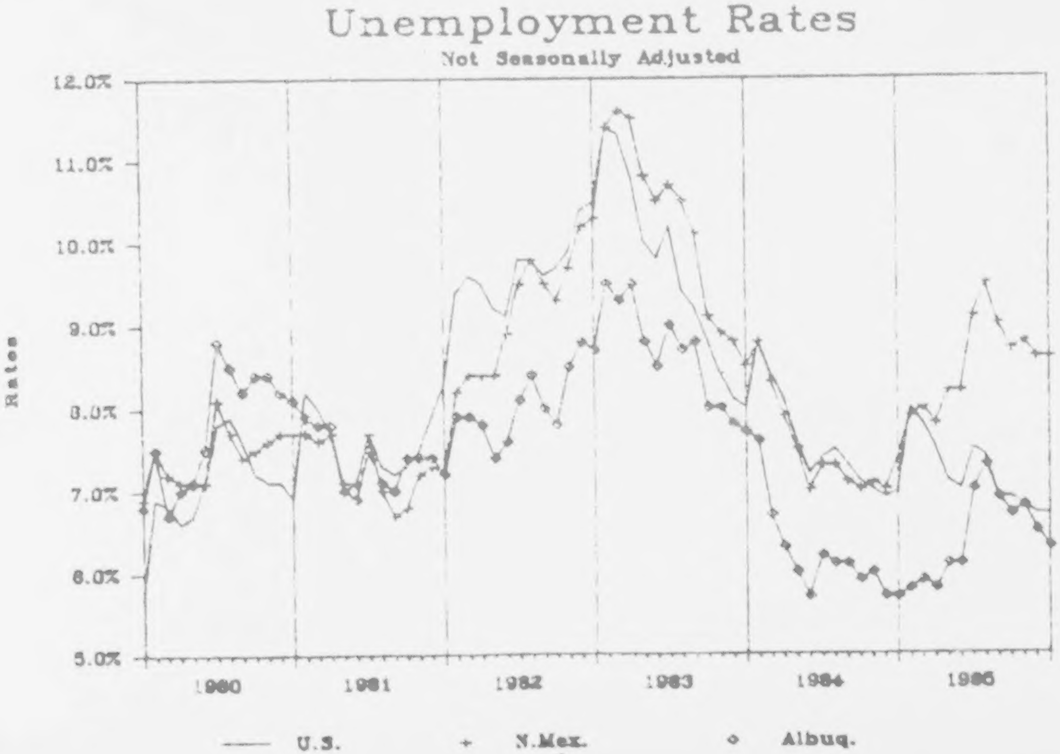
Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment was 222,000 in December, an increase of 500 jobs from November. Over-the-month employment changes generally followed seasonal patterns. Trade added the largest number of jobs as retail establishments increased payrolls for the Christmas buying season. Transportation, communications, and public utilities added employment due to the seasonal increase in motor freight business in December. On the downside during the month was construction and government, also normal for this time of year.

Although total manufacturing experienced no employment change in December, the electronic equipment subsector added about 40 jobs during the month. This gain, along with the 100 jobs added in November, interrupts a year long downward trend for electronic equipment.

Preliminary year-end figures indicate that Albuquerque's employment growth in 1985 was not as strong as in previous years; however, the city's economy remained more robust than in most other areas of the state. Nonfarm payroll jobs in Albuquerque grew by approximately four percent in 1985, compared with six percent in 1984 and 1983. Two major industries, manufacturing and transportation, communications & public utilities, lost employment, and the other major industries in Albuquerque all grew at a slower pace than in either of the previous two years. The sector which performed the strongest was construction, with annual job growth of 10 percent in 1985. This is only slightly less than what the industry recorded in 1984.

DECEMBER SUMMARY

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	Dec. 1985	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984	Nov. 1985	Dec. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	250,700	249,200	241,600	+1,500	+9,100
Employment	234,900	232,900	227,900	+2,000	+7,000
Unemployment	15,800	16,300	13,700	- 500	+2,100
Rate	6.3%	6.5%	5.7%		



ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim	*Revised*	*Revised*	*Change From*	
	DEC 1985	NOV 1985	DEC 1984	NOV 1985	DEC 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	222,000	221,500	213,800	+500	+8,200
MINING	300	300	300	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	17,400	17,800	15,600	-400	+1,800
MANUFACTURING	19,400	19,400	19,500	0	- 100
Durable Goods	13,600	13,600	13,800	0	- 200
Nondurable Goods	5,800	5,800	5,700	0	+ 100
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	12,100	12,000	12,400	+100	- 300
Transportation	5,800	5,700	5,900	+100	- 100
Communication	3,800	3,800	4,000	0	- 200
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	0
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	58,900	58,100	55,800	+800	+3,100
Wholesale Trade	13,600	13,700	13,700	-100	- 100
Durable Goods	8,700	8,800	8,800	-100	- 100
Nondurable Goods	4,900	4,900	4,900	0	0
Retail Trade	45,300	44,400	42,100	+900	+3,200
General Merchandise Stores	4,600	4,300	4,800	+300	- 200
Food Stores	5,100	5,100	4,700	0	+ 400
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	4,800	4,800	4,600	0	+ 200
Eating and Drinking Places	17,100	17,000	15,400	+100	+1,700
Other Retail Trade	13,700	13,200	12,600	+500	+1,100
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	13,600	13,600	12,900	0	+ 700
Banking	3,300	3,300	3,200	0	+ 100
Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers	3,700	3,700	3,500	0	+ 200
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	6,600	6,600	6,200	0	+ 400
SERVICES	56,500	56,200	53,500	+300	+3,000
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	3,200	3,100	3,000	+100	+ 200
Health Services	13,000	13,000	12,400	0	+ 600
Social Services	2,700	2,700	2,600	0	+ 100
Membership Organizations	1,800	1,800	1,600	0	+ 200
Other Services	35,800	35,600	33,900	+200	+1,900
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	43,800	44,100	43,800	-300	0
Federal Government	12,300	12,300	12,200	0	+ 100
Total State & Local	31,500	31,800	31,600	-300	- 100
State	12,900	13,200	12,800	-300	+ 100
Local	18,600	18,600	18,800	0	- 200

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY) 1/

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim DEC 1985	Revised NOV 1985	Revised DEC 1984	Change From NOV 1985	Change From DEC 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	38,350	38,200	36,800	+150	+1,550
MINING 2/	0	0	0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2,700	2,700	2,600	0	+ 100
MANUFACTURING	3,000	3,100	3,200	-100	- 200
Durable Goods	1,250	1,250	1,200	0	+ 50
Nondurable Goods	1,750	1,850	2,000	-100	- 200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,450	1,450	1,450	0	0
Transportation	650	650	650	0	0
Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service	800	800	800	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	8,350	8,200	7,750	+150	+ 600
Wholesale Trade	850	850	850	0	0
Retail Trade	7,500	7,350	6,900	+150	+ 600
General Merchandise Stores	950	900	850	+ 50	+ 100
Food Stores	950	950	1,000	0	- 50
Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations	850	850	850	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3,000	3,000	2,600	0	+ 400
Other Retail Trade	1,750	1,650	1,600	+100	+ 150
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	1,550	1,550	1,400	0	+ 150
SERVICES	5,300	5,200	5,000	+100	+ 300
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	650	650	550	0	+ 100
Business Services	900	850	850	+ 50	+ 50
Health Services	1,200	1,150	1,100	+ 50	+ 100
Social Services	500	500	450	0	+ 50
Other Services	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	0	0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	16,000	16,000	15,400	0	+ 600
Federal Government	4,700	4,700	4,500	0	+ 200
Total State & Local	11,300	11,300	10,900	0	+ 400
State	6,200	6,200	6,000	0	+ 200
Local	5,100	5,100	4,900	0	+ 200

1/ In accordance with the [illegible] manual, those nonagricultural totals with less than 1,000 employment are rounded to [illegible]. Those nonagricultural totals with more than 1,000 employment are rounded to hundreds.

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AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION, CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	DEC 1985	NOV 1985	DEC 1984	DEC 1985	NOV 1985	DEC 1984	DEC 1985	NOV 1985	DEC 1984
NEW MEXICO									
MINING	$[illegible]	$[illegible]	$[illegible]	45.[illegible]	45.4	47.[illegible]	$11.[illegible]	$11.41	$11.41
CONSTRUCTION	406.59	[illegible]	[illegible]	34.[illegible]	35.[illegible]	35.[illegible]	11.63	10.56	[illegible]
MANUFACTURING	376.20	[illegible]	343.81	41.8	42.2	40.7	9.00	7.49	8.58
Durable Goods	400.49	345.12	[illegible]	41.[illegible]	42.[illegible]	42.[illegible]	9.78	8.59	9.00
Nondurable Gds	341.40	332.06	333.07	39.8	38.2	37.1	8.58	8.26	7.63
COMM and UTIL	420.41	438.54	447.23	47.7	42.9	41.0	10.41	11.37	10.43
TRADE*	271.93	254.17	258.50	35.6	35.4	35.5	7.61	7.29	7.29
BANKING	217.74	224.60	225.23	40.1	34.3	38.7	5.43	6.71	5.43
ALBUQUERQUE									
MANUFACTURING	$406.[illegible]	$398.[illegible]	$384.26	46.0	39.1	40.8	$ [illegible]	$ 9.62	$ 9.54

* Excludes Eating and Drinking Places.

Note: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which includes the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, unpaid family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such variables as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.

AREA ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

ALBUQUERQUE AREA: Intel Corporation shut down its Rio Rancho semiconductor plant for one week in mid-December, and in early January the firm laid off approximately 60 workers at the plant. The cost-cutting measures were due to the slumping computer chip market. However, according to a recent survey of electronics manufacturers by the Albuquerque Tribune, many area firms expect to add jobs in the coming year. Signetics Corp. officials said they expect to add 130 workers to their 450 payroll by the end of 1986. Signetics just recently recalled the last of the 100 workers laid off last spring by the firm. Signetics also announced plans to begin building its second chip-fabrication unit in 1986. The new production unit is set for completion in 1987, employing about 150 workers initially. Sperry Corp., which makes aircraft flight control systems at its Albuquerque plant, added a significant number of new workers in 1985, unlike many area electronics firms. Sperry plans to continue increasing its payroll by about 30 per month in 1986. Sperry officials expect to have 2,300 employees at the plant by years end, up from 2,000 currently. Gulton Industries Inc., which produces electronic telemetry equipment, plans to add about 30 people to its 300 person workforce over the next 12 months. GTE Communications Systems recently moved about 100 of its Albuquerque jobs to Mexico; however, GTE officials plan no further layoffs in 1986. Digital Equipment Corp. reduced its employment by about 400 during the last year, but company officials expect 1986 employment levels to remain stable. El Pollo Asado, a fast-growing charbroiled chicken restaurant chain, has opened a restaurant on San Mateo NE in Albuquerque. The chain plans to open a total of seven stores in the Albuquerque and Santa Fe areas over the next 18 months. The Promenade, a 100,000-square-foot specialty retail center, broke ground in late January. The center, located at Spain and Eubank NE, will be anchored by a Beall's department store. AmeriWest Corp. is seeking a zoning change so it can build the city's first high-volume, discount shopping center at Interstate 40 and Lomas Blvd. NE. Plans for the center call for a facility about half the size of Coronado Center, with 14 buildings and about 525,000 square feet of retail space.

ALAMOGORDO/RUIDOSO AREA: Work has started on a $1.6 million, 22-unit townhouse project adjacent to the Alamogordo Golf Course. C.D.R. Construction Inc. and Gary L. Lane Inc. are the developers of the housing project.

CARLSBAD/ARTESIA AREA: Lundberg Industries has extended its mine shutdown indefinitely. The potash mine and refinery, formerly owned by Potash Company of America, ceased operations December 1, and the shutdown was scheduled to end January 7. Lundberg officials have now given no target date for reopening. Approximately 375 workers are furloughed at the facility. If Rose Gravel Co. of Carlsbad is awarded the contract to haul nuclear waste containers to and from the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIIP), the firm intends to expand its business by creating a terminal and transportation system. The City of Carlsbad plans to issue up to $5 million in Industrial Revenue bonds to help Rose Gravel with the expansion. Wal-Mart has delayed the opening of its new Carlsbad store until early March.

CLOVIS/PORTALES AREA: A Gardena, California frozen fruit bar manufacturer, Frozfruit, Inc., is locating a plant in the former Swift plant in Clovis. Frozfruit officials said limited production would begin by mid-February. Employment at the plant is expected to be approximately 120 year-round and up to 300 workers in the summer months.

ESPANOLA AREA: Construction started in mid-December on Chama's new $1.5 million wastewater treatment plant. The project contractor is Avery Structures, Inc. of Buena Vista, Colorado.

FARMINGTON AREA: The Arizona Public Service Company plans to spend about $34 million this year to overhaul two units at its coal-fired Four Corners Power Plant west of Farmington. The two-part project will began in February with the replacement of nine coal pulverizers.

GALLUP/GRANTS AREA: Bagdad Plastics Co., Inc. plans to relocate its Phoenix plumbing products plant to the Grants area by late March. Bagdad officials expect to initially hire about 45 workers. The company will hire office help, shipping and receiving personnel, assembly operators, machine shop workers, and quality control personnel.

HOBBS/LOVINGTON AREA: Hobbs will be the new headquarters of the Soaring Society of America, the national organization for glider plane enthusiasts. The new headquarters will have a $1 million annual budget and employ between 14 and 20 persons. Lea Regional Hospital has opened a medical clinic in Eunice for south Lea County residents. Oil well drilling activity in the Permian Basin continued to decline in December 1985, with approximately 295 rigs in operation, compared to 310 in November and 370 one year ago.

LAS CRUCES AREA: Work has started on Hughes Aircraft Co.'s Roland Missile repair facility in Las Cruces. Approximately 45 workers will be employed at the $3 million facility when it is in operation late this year. The OILWELL division of U.S. Steel Corp. has acquired the Santa Teresa plant of EnerSteel Products Co. The Santa Teresa plant was completed in 1982 and currently employs 40 workers producing a range of sucker rods for use in oil production. Las Cruces construction projects in 1985 were valued almost $11 million below 1984's totals. Permits issued in 1985 totaled $57.3 million, compared to $68 million in the previous year.

LAS VEGAS AREA: The La Plaza Vieja Partnership will renovate 19 building on historic Bridge Street in Las Vegas. The first building to be renovated is the Sammy Martinez Feed building, and work is expected to begin by early March.

LOS ALAMOS AREA: Work on a seven-story, $6 million commercial building will begin in June in Los Alamos. The building will include a hotel, office space, and other commercial space.

ROSWELL AREA: Transportation Manufacturing Corporation (TMC) laid off 200 workers in early January due to a seasonal drop in bus orders. A Syracuse, N.Y. firm, O.M. Edwards Co., has leased space at the Roswell Industrial Air Center for the location of a plant to assemble bus windows used by TMC. The firm expects to begin production in early April with an initial workforce of about five.

SANTA FE AREA: The New Mexico State Legislature opened in late January creating about 200 temporary jobs for the 30-day legislative session.

SILVER CITY AREA: Work has started on a major smelter modification project at Phelps Dodge's facility in Playas. Interect Inc. of Salt Lake City is the primary contractor for the $10 million project. When complete, the modification will increase smelter capacity by 21 percent and result in about six additional workers. The new $4.5 million anode plant will be in operation in late January at Chino Mines. Cimetta Engineering is employing about 80 workers installing the anode facility at Chino.

SOCORRO AREA: Honeywell, Inc. has announced that it will build three buildings at New Mexico Technical Research Park in Socorro. The company has a five-year renewable lease on a 100-acre site. Honeywell's Defense Systems Division will use the park for research and development of conventional explosives ammunition for the Department of Defense.

TAOS AREA: Molycorp Inc. plans to shut down its molybdenum mill for at least two months on March 1st and lay off about 100 mill employees. Molycorp is also asking its workers to take a 15 to 20 percent pay cut at the end of January in an effort to keep its mine open. Molycorp laid off 150 of its 800 workforce last October due to the depressed price of molybdenum. Ground breaking is scheduled in April for a new 49-bed nursing home in Taos. The Taos County acequia system will receive about $4 million initially for reconstruction and repair work. The money is part of a $42 million federal appropriation to repair the entire acequia system in northern New Mexico.

TUCUMCARI AREA: Springer Construction Company of Albuquerque was awarded a $1.5 million contract to build a new building at the Tucumcari Area Vocational School for use in the transportation industries program. Anticipated completion of the facility is this November. Several national trucking firms with depots in Tucumcari laid off workers in early January due to a slowdown in business.

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December 1985

CPI-U - 327.4
CPI-W - 323.4

(Base Year 1967 = 100)
CPI-U - All Urban Consumers
CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

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New Publication - New Mexico Current Occupational Supply/Demand Summary

According to the latest edition of the New Mexico Current Occupational Supply/Demand Summary, the greatest occupational shortages in New Mexico are in the health and education industries. The report indicates that a significant need exists in all areas of the state for physical therapists, physicians, occupational therapists, registered nurses, psychiatrists, math teachers, science teachers, special education teachers, bilingual teachers, kindergarten teachers, and speech pathologists. There is also a shortage of electricians, cooks, auto body repairers, heavy truck drivers, automobile mechanics, and plumbers in many areas.

Occupational skills in high demand due to industrial growth or a high rate of turnover include waiters/waitresses, cooks, and kitchen helpers.

According to the report, occupational surpluses existing in most areas of the state include construction laborers, cashier-checkers, general clerks, and carpenters. A large surplus of miners also continues to exist throughout the state, particularly in the copper and uranium mining areas.

Free copies of the New Mexico Current Occupational Supply/Demand Summary can by obtained by writing to the New Mexico Employment Security Department, Bureau of Economic Research and Analysis, P.O. Box 1928, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103, or by calling 841-8645.

NEW MEXICO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/

	PRELIMINARY DECEMBER 1985				REVISED NOVEMBER 1985				REVISED DECEMBER 1984			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	656,590	600,370	56,220	8.6%	654,679	598,412	56,267	8.6%	639,392	592,021	47,371	7.4%
ALBUQUERQUE MSA 2/	250,657	234,851	15,806	6.3%	249,213	232,929	16,284	6.5%	241,592	227,906	13,686	5.7%
LAS CRUCES MSA 3/	46,210	42,613	3,597	7.8%	46,423	42,530	3,893	8.4%	44,851	41,656	3,195	7.1%
Catron	964	770	194	20.1%	1,009	812	197	19.5%	885	728	157	17.7%
Chaves	24,857	23,145	1,712	6.9%	25,022	23,250	1,772	7.1%	24,424	22,963	1,461	6.0%
Cibola	10,445	8,543	1,902	18.2%	10,435	8,539	1,896	18.2%	10,837	9,201	1,636	15.1%
Colfax	6,971	6,022	949	13.6%	6,908	6,071	837	12.1%	6,705	6,093	612	9.1%
Curry	15,879	14,666	1,213	7.6%	15,950	14,701	1,249	7.8%	16,123	15,086	1,037	6.4%
De Baca	983	875	108	11.0%	1,029	913	116	11.3%	1,031	947	84	8.1%
Eddy	23,462	20,381	3,081	13.1%	23,221	20,695	2,526	10.9%	23,711	21,395	2,316	9.8%
Grant	9,793	8,649	1,144	11.7%	9,721	8,566	1,155	11.9%	10,287	8,945	1,342	13.0%
Guadalupe	1,581	1,302	279	17.6%	1,623	1,374	249	15.3%	1,432	1,310	122	8.5%
Harding	640	596	44	6.9%	720	647	73	10.1%	581	551	30	5.2%
Hidalgo	2,561	2,370	191	7.5%	2,593	2,394	199	7.7%	2,581	2,395	186	7.2%
Lea	31,011	29,484	1,527	4.9%	31,174	29,622	1,552	5.0%	31,568	30,103	1,465	4.6%
Lincoln	8,320	7,779	541	6.5%	8,355	7,802	553	6.6%	7,895	7,496	399	5.1%
Los Alamos	12,623	12,353	270	2.1%	12,302	11,976	326	2.6%	11,884	11,647	237	2.0%
Luna	5,645	4,752	893	15.8%	5,835	4,861	974	16.7%	5,467	4,713	754	13.8%
McKinley	17,339	14,946	2,393	13.8%	17,219	14,819	2,400	13.9%	17,102	15,223	1,879	11.0%
Mora	1,307	766	541	41.4%	1,307	804	503	38.5%	1,074	745	329	30.6%
Otero	15,991	14,532	1,459	9.1%	15,883	14,458	1,425	9.0%	15,764	14,561	1,203	7.6%
Quay	5,203	4,731	472	9.1%	5,373	4,926	447	8.3%	5,455	5,017	438	8.0%
Rio Arriba	12,100	9,670	2,430	20.1%	12,123	9,798	2,325	19.2%	11,873	9,776	2,097	17.7%
Roosevelt	8,234	7,841	393	4.8%	8,573	8,130	443	5.2%	7,773	7,472	301	3.9%
Sandoval	15,440	13,715	1,725	11.2%	15,283	13,615	1,668	10.9%	13,979	12,783	1,196	8.6%
San Juan	37,521	33,091	4,430	11.8%	37,021	32,829	4,192	11.3%	36,815	32,552	4,263	11.6%
San Miguel	9,508	8,262	1,246	13.1%	9,414	8,190	1,224	13.0%	9,292	8,207	1,085	11.7%
Santa Fe	45,450	42,791	2,659	5.9%	45,320	42,586	2,734	6.0%	42,921	40,777	2,144	5.0%
Sierra	2,843	2,625	218	7.7%	2,907	2,685	222	7.6%	2,567	2,406	161	6.3%
Socorro	5,177	4,680	497	9.6%	5,004	4,566	438	8.8%	5,040	4,648	392	7.8%
Taos	11,910	9,503	2,407	20.2%	11,503	9,060	2,443	21.2%	11,545	9,845	1,700	14.7%
Torrance	2,585	2,196	389	15.0%	2,670	2,248	422	15.8%	2,352	2,112	240	10.2%
Union	2,272	2,143	129	5.7%	2,417	2,292	125	5.2%	2,453	2,286	167	6.8%
Valencia	11,108	9,727	1,381	12.4%	11,129	9,724	1,405	12.6%	11,533	10,476	1,057	9.2%

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

2/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Bernalillo County

3/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Dona Ana County

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This issue of the New Mexico Labor Market Review introduces revised civilian labor force and nonagricultural industry employment estimates for New Mexico and its subareas. The labor force data reflects new information from the U.S. Department of Labor's Current Population Survey and improvements in the estimating methodology. The nonagricultural data incorporate more recent payroll counts from employers covered under Unemployment Insurance programs. Labor force estimates for New Mexico have currently been revised back through 1984, and revised estimates back to 1980 should be available in a few weeks. Most nonagricultural employment, hours, and earnings data have been revised beginning with April 1984. Also, please note that the federal Office of Management and Budget has designated a new Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) in New Mexico, the Santa Fe MSA. This area encompasses Santa Fe and Los Alamos counties. Included on page 9 of this issue are revised 1985 labor force estimates for statewide New Mexico and the Albuquerque area. 1985 annual average labor force data for all areas appear on page 10. Publications are available containing historical labor force, nonagricultural employment, and industry hours and earnings estimates for New Mexico and its sub-areas. If you would like copies of these publications, please complete and return the order form on the back page of this newsletter.

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New Mexico's unemployment rate in January was 9.2 percent, up from 8.7 percent in December and 8.9 percent one year ago. The number of jobless increased by 2,800 over the month, while total employment fell by 5,900 persons. Much of the increased unemployment was the result of usual January furloughs of temporary holiday workers at retail trade and transportation firms and in construction. However, layoffs were evident in several other industries which do not reflect normal seasonal trends.

Manufacturing employment in New Mexico fell off by 600 jobs in January, the result of two large layoffs, one in transportation equipment and the other in apparel, and smaller reductions in several other subsectors. The number of jobs in the mining industry continued to decline with another 200 reduction in January. Most of the recent declines were in the potash and oil & gas subsectors.

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JANUARY SUMMARY

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	Jan. 1986	Dec. 1985	Jan. 1985	Dec. 1985	Jan. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	649,500	652,600	630,800	-3,100	+18,700
Employment	590,000	595,900	574,800	-5,900	+15,200
Unemployment	59,500	56,700	56,000	+2,800	+3,500
Rate	**9.2%**	**8.7%**	**8.9%**		

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

NEW MEXICO	PRELIM JAN 1986	REVISED DEC 1985	REVISED JAN 1985	JAN CHANGE FROM DEC 1985	JAN CHANGE FROM JAN 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	519,200	526,900	504,900	-7,700	14,300
MINING	19,800	20,000	21,800	-200	-2,000
Metal Mining	2,900	2,900	3,800	0	-900
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying etc	3,400	3,500	4,100	-100	-700
Oil & Gas Extraction	13,500	13,600	13,900	-100	-400
CONSTRUCTION	34,600	35,600	34,300	-1,000	300
MANUFACTURING	36,900	37,500	36,400	-600	500
DURABLE GOODS	24,200	24,400	23,600	-200	600
Lumber & Wood Products	2,600	2,600	2,500	0	100
Machinery(except electric)	2,700	2,700	2,900	0	-200
Elec & Electronic Equip	6,600	6,500	6,700	100	-100
Transportation Equipment	4,100	4,300	3,500	-200	600
Other Durable Goods	8,200	8,300	8,000	-100	200
NONDURABLE GOODS	12,700	13,100	12,800	-400	-100
Food & Kindred Products	4,000	4,100	4,000	-100	0
Textile & Apparel	2,200	2,400	2,400	-200	-200
Other Nondurable Goods	6,500	6,600	6,400	-100	100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	29,300	29,900	29,800	-600	-500
TRANSPORTATION	12,900	13,300	12,700	-400	200
Railroad Transportation	2,300	2,300	2,300	0	0
Trucking & Warehousing	6,100	6,400	6,000	-300	100
Other Transportation	4,500	4,600	4,400	-100	100
COMMUNICATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	16,400	16,600	17,100	-200	-700
Communication	7,000	7,100	7,400	-100	-400
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	9,400	9,500	9,700	-100	-300
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	125,200	129,700	117,600	-4,500	7,600
WHOLESALE TRADE	22,900	23,100	22,600	-200	300
Durable Goods	13,500	13,600	13,400	-100	100
Nondurable Goods	9,400	9,500	9,200	-100	200
RETAIL TRADE	102,300	106,600	95,000	-4,300	7,300
Bldg Material & Mobile Homes	4,500	4,600	4,200	-100	300
General Merchandise Stores	12,300	13,300	10,600	-1,000	1,700
Food Stores	15,300	15,800	14,300	-500	1,000
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	12,900	13,000	12,600	-100	300
Apparel & Accessories	6,200	7,000	5,500	-800	700
Furniture & Furnishing	4,400	4,600	4,200	-200	200
Eating & Drinking Places	34,700	35,900	32,900	1,200	1,800
Miscellaneous Retail	12,000	12,400	10,700	-400	1,300
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	25,900	25,600	25,000	300	900
Banking	8,100	8,100	8,300	0	-200
Insurance Carriers	3,300	3,300	3,300	0	0
Insur Agents, Brokers & Service	2,800	2,700	2,600	100	200
Real Estate	6,300	6,300	5,800	0	500
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	5,400	5,200	5,000	200	400
SERVICES	113,800	114,200	108,400	-400	5,400
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	11,000	11,400	10,200	-400	800
Personal Services	5,800	5,800	6,000	0	-200
Business Services	27,000	27,100	25,300	-100	1,700
Health Services	27,500	27,500	26,100	0	1,400
Legal Services	3,800	3,800	3,700	0	100
Educational Services	3,900	4,100	3,900	-200	0
Social Services	7,100	7,200	6,900	-100	200
Membership Organizations	5,700	5,600	5,800	100	-100
Other Services	22,000	21,700	20,500	300	1,500
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	133,700	134,400	131,600	-700	2,100
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	28,700	28,700	29,700	0	-1,000
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	105,000	105,700	101,900	-700	3,100
State Government 2/	47,500	48,100	45,500	-600	2,000
Local Government	57,500	57,600	56,400	-100	1,100

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

2/ Includes other State's employees working in New Mexico.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)

According to preliminary estimates, the January unemployment rate in the Albuquerque area was 6.6 percent, up from 6.5 percent in December. Total employment declined by 400, and the number of job seekers increased by 200.

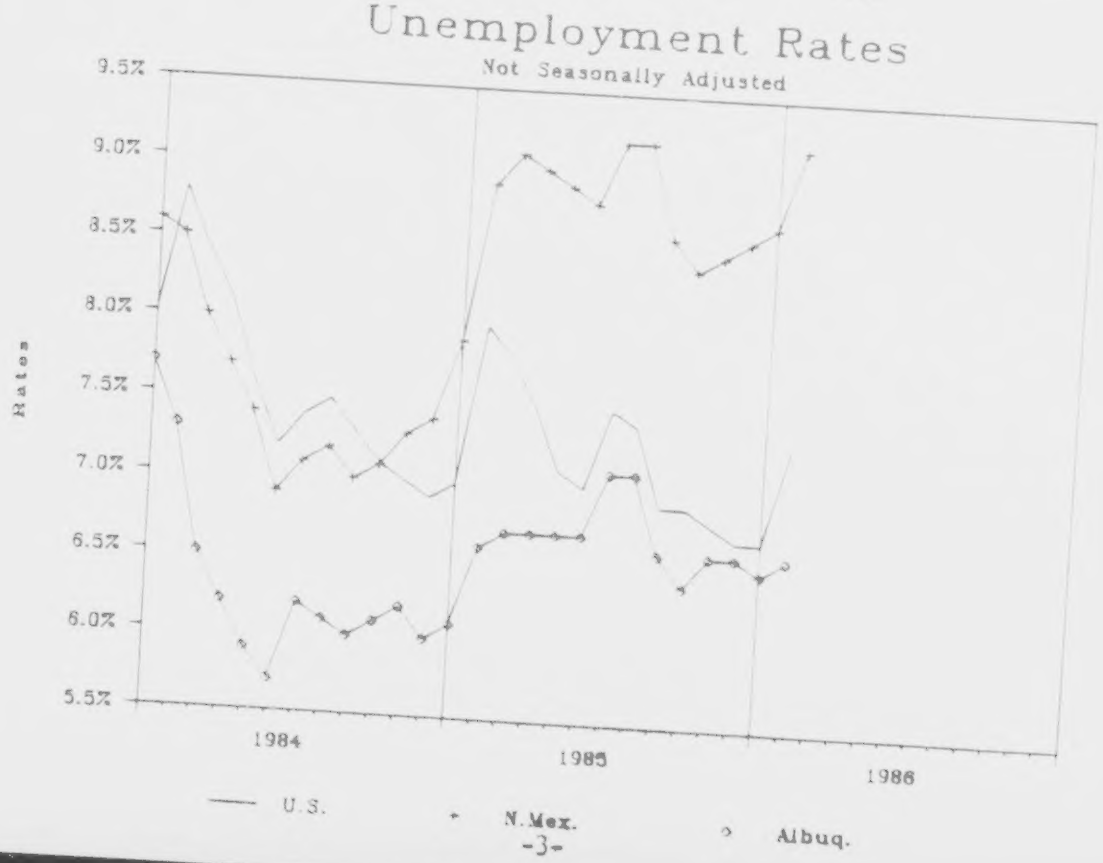
Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment was 221,400 in January, a decline of 3,200 jobs from December. Post-holiday layoffs in retail trade and motor freight transportation, along with the normal winter slowdown in construction, accounted for almost all of the over-the-month decline in employment.

Employment in manufacturing fell by 100 jobs in January as a large apparel manufacturer reduced its payroll during the month. This was partially offset by some additional hiring in electronic equipment manufacturing.

Since January 1985, wage and salary employment in Albuquerque has grown by 7,400 jobs. The large trade and services industries accounted for two-thirds of the gain, while another twenty percent of the growth came from the construction industry. Manufacturing posted 400 additional jobs over the year as sizeable gains in transportation equipment and professional & scientific instruments were partially offset by a loss of almost 350 jobs in machinery manufacturing.

JANUARY SUMMARY

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	Jan. 1986	Dec. 1985	Jan. 1985	Dec. 1985	Jan. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	245,600	245,800	237,100	- 200	+8,500
Employment	229,500	229,900	221,600	- 400	+7,900
Unemployment	16,100	15,900	15,500	+ 200	+ 600
Rate	6.6%	6.5%	6.5%		



ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

ALBUQUERQUE MSA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)	PRELIM JAN 1986	REVISED DEC 1985	REVISED JAN 1985	JAN CHANGE FROM DEC 1985	JAN CHANGE FROM JAN 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	221,400	224,600	214,000	-3,200	7,400
MINING	300	300	200	0	100
CONSTRUCTION	17,800	18,400	16,300	-600	1,500
MANUFACTURING	19,200	19,300	18,800	-100	400
Durable Goods	13,700	13,700	13,500	0	200
Nondurable Goods	5,500	5,600	5,300	-100	200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	12,000	12,400	12,100	-400	-100
Transportation	5,600	5,900	5,600	-300	0
Communication	3,900	4,000	4,000	-100	-100
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	56,900	58,700	54,400	-1,800	2,500
WHOLESALE TRADE	14,100	14,200	14,000	-100	100
Durable Goods	9,400	9,400	9,300	0	100
Nondurable Goods	4,700	4,800	4,700	-100	0
RETAIL TRADE	42,800	44,500	40,400	-1,700	2,400
General Merchandise Stores	4,800	5,200	4,500	-400	300
Food Stores	4,800	5,100	4,500	-300	300
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	4,800	4,800	4,500	0	300
Eating & Drinking Places	15,400	15,700	15,100	-300	300
Other Retail Trade	13,000	13,700	11,800	-700	1,200
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	13,400	13,500	12,900	-100	500
Banking	3,200	3,200	3,200	0	0
Ins Carriers, Agents & Brokers	3,800	3,600	3,600	0	200
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	6,400	6,500	6,100	-100	300
SERVICES	57,900	58,100	55,400	-200	2,500
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	3,500	3,600	3,000	-100	500
Personal Services	3,100	3,100	3,200	0	-100
Business Services	18,700	18,900	18,100	-200	600
Health Services	13,200	13,200	12,600	0	600
Social Services	2,800	2,800	2,800	0	0
Membership Organizations	1,700	1,700	1,700	0	0
Other Services	14,900	14,800	14,000	100	900
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	43,900	43,900	43,900	0	0
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	12,300	12,200	12,400	100	-100
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	31,600	31,700	31,500	-100	100
State Government	13,000	13,000	12,800	0	200
Local Government	18,600	18,700	18,700	-100	-100

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

LAS CRUCES MSA (DONA ANA COUNTY) 1/	PRELIM JAN 1986	REVISED DEC 1985	REVISED JAN 1985	JAN CHANGE FROM DEC 1985	JAN CHANGE FROM JAN 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	38,000	38,150	35,950	-150	2,050
MINING 3/	0	0	0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2,500	2,500	2,400	0	100
MANUFACTURING	2,850	3,000	3,250	-150	-400
Durable Goods	1,150	1,200	1,150	-50	0
Nondurable Goods	1,700	1,800	2,100	-100	-400
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,400	1,350	1,400	50	0
Transportation	550	550	600	0	-50
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	850	800	800	50	50
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	8,000	8,250	7,200	-250	800
WHOLESALE TRADE	850	850	800	0	50
RETAIL TRADE	7,150	7,400	6,400	-250	750
General Merchandise Stores	950	1,050	750	-100	200
Food Stores	1,000	1,000	950	0	50
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	800	800	800	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3,000	3,100	2,500	-100	500
Other Retail Trade	1,400	1,450	1,400	-50	0
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	1,600	1,550	1,450	50	150
SERVICES	5,550	5,500	5,050	50	500
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	600	600	550	0	50
Business Services	900	950	850	-50	50
Health Services	1,400	1,400	1,150	0	250
Social Services	350	350	300	0	50
Other Services	2,300	2,200	2,200	100	100
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	16,100	16,000	15,200	100	900
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	4,700	4,700	4,600	0	100
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	11,400	11,300	10,600	100	800
State Government	6,300	6,200	5,900	100	400
Local Government	5,100	5,100	4,700	0	400

SANTA FE MSA (SANTA FE & LOS ALAMOS COUNTIES) 1/	PRELIM JAN 1986	REVISED DEC 1985	REVISED JAN 1985	JAN CHANGE FROM DEC 1985	JAN CHANGE FROM JAN 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	50,450	51,050	47,950	-600	2,500
MINING	150	150	150	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	3,000	3,400	3,200	-400	-200
MANUFACTURING	1,600	1,650	1,450	-50	150
Durable Goods	900	950	850	-50	50
Nondurable Goods	700	700	600	0	100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,100	1,150	1,150	-50	-50
Transportation	350	400	350	-50	0
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	750	750	800	0	-50
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	9,600	10,050	8,350	-450	1,250
WHOLESALE TRADE	700	700	600	0	100
RETAIL TRADE	8,900	9,350	7,750	-450	1,150
General Merchandise Stores	1,000	1,150	700	-150	300
Food Stores	1,250	1,300	1,200	-50	50
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	900	900	750	0	150
Eating & Drinking Places	3,200	3,300	2,900	-100	300
Other Retail Trade	2,550	2,700	2,200	-150	350
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	1,950	2,000	1,900	-50	50
SERVICES	12,050	12,250	12,050	-200	0
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0
Business Services	3,000	3,000	2,700	0	300
Health Services	2,600	2,600	2,700	0	-100
Social Services	550	550	550	0	0
Other Services	4,500	4,700	4,700	-200	-200
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	21,000	20,400	19,700	600	1,300
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	1,500	1,500	1,600	0	-100
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	19,500	18,900	18,100	600	1,400
State Government 4/	15,800	15,200	14,700	600	1,100
Local Government	3,700	3,700	3,400	0	300

1/ In accordance with the CES Manual, those published cells with less than 2,000 employees are rounded to nearest 50. Those published cells with more than 2,000 employees are rounded to 100.

2/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

3/ The employment for the Las Cruces MSA is rounded to fifty. Because employment in this industry is below 25 it appears as zero.

4/ Includes other State's employees working in New Mexico.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS

Hours and Earnings of Production, Construction and Nonsupervisory Employees
(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
NEW MEXICO	JAN 1986	DEC 1985	JAN 1985	JAN 1986	DEC 1985	JAN 1985	JAN 1986	DEC 1985	JAN 1985
MINING	$526.85	$539.24	$510.51	41.0	44.2	42.9	$12.85	$12.20	$11.90
CONSTRUCTION	$431.98	$386.22	$377.20	39.2	34.3	36.2	$11.02	$11.26	$10.42
MANUFACTURING	$347.21	$365.40	$331.69	39.5	42.0	39.3	$8.79	$8.70	$8.44
Durable Goods	$351.43	$385.00	$345.86	39.8	43.9	39.8	$8.83	$8.77	$8.69
Nondurable Goods	$338.91	$319.98	$301.42	39.0	37.6	38.3	$8.69	$8.51	$7.87
COMMUNICATION & UTILITIES	$433.13	$481.53	$459.62	40.9	42.5	42.4	$10.59	$11.33	$10.84
* WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	$232.73	$218.78	$216.06	33.2	32.8	32.2	$7.01	$6.67	$6.71
Wholesale Trade	$432.82	$363.49	$385.56	42.6	41.4	42.0	$10.16	$8.78	$9.18
Retail Trade	$192.18	$191.26	$179.10	31.3	31.2	30.0	$6.14	$6.13	$5.97
BANKING	$219.58	$229.86	$208.83	37.6	39.7	37.9	$5.84	$5.79	$5.51

ALBUQUERQUE MSA	JAN 1986	DEC 1985	JAN 1985	JAN 1986	DEC 1985	JAN 1985	JAN 1986	DEC 1985	JAN 1985
MANUFACTURING	$360.48	$378.88	$320.36	39.7	43.7	39.6	$9.08	$8.67	$8.09
Durable Goods	$371.05	$415.67	$337.11	40.2	46.6	39.8	$9.23	$8.92	$8.47
Nondurable Goods	$328.52	$282.24	$275.02	38.2	36.0	38.9	$8.60	$7.84	$7.07

NOTE: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part time work, overtime work etc.

* Starting with 1984, the Wholesale & Retail Trade industry includes Eating & Drinking Places as part of Retail Trade. Because of this data from 1984 forward is not compatible with the previously published series named "Trade". The publication "New Mexico - Hours & Eearnings" is available to those wishing Wholesale & Retail Trade hours and earnings data for 1984 and 1985. See back page.

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New Mexico's mining industry has now lost 2,000 jobs over the last twelve months. Unfortunately, mining employment is expected to continue to fall over the next few months because of MolyCorp's recent closure of its Taos County molybdenum mine, affecting almost 500 workers, and employment reductions by oil and gas firms due to the drop in oil prices.

New Mexico's annual average unemployment rate in 1985 was 8.8 percent, above the national average of 7.2 percent and all of our border states. Listed below are 1985 unemployment rates for New Mexico and its contiguous states.

New Mexico	8.8%	Oklahoma	7.1%
Arizona	6.5%	Texas	7.0%
Colorado	5.9%	Utah	5.9%

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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
January 1986

CPI-U - 328.4
CPI-W - 324.3

(Base Year 1967 = 100)
CPI-U - All Urban Consumers
CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

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AREA ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

STATEWIDE: The Public Service Company of New Mexico has announced an immediate hiring freeze in a move to eliminate about 400 positions, or 15 percent of its workforce, over the next three years. The move is part of a long-term program to cut costs.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA: American Telephone and Telegraph Co. plans to eliminate about 50 jobs in Albuquerque within the next month as part of the company's efforts to streamline its western area operations. Gulton Industries' Albuquerque division has been awarded a large contract with Martin Marietta Corp. which will mean the addition of about 70 workers to Gulton's local workforce within the next year. The University of Albuquerque will close its doors at the end of the current semester due to financial problems. The 66-year old Catholic school has 120 employees, including 60 faculty members. Construction will start soon on Quail Run Retail Center. The center, located at Tramway Blvd. and San Rafael NE, will be about 16,000-square-feet with 10 retail spaces and 4 office suites. The project is scheduled for completion in late May. Coldwell Banker, a nationwide firm selling commercial real estate, will expand its Albuquerque office in late May by adding 15 more people to its staff. Work is continuing on the 500,000-square-feet Albuquerque Veterans Administration Medical Center. The facility is about 90 percent complete and is scheduled to open on July 7.

ALAMOGORDO/RUIDOSO AREA: The Pentagon has chosen White Sands Missile Range as the site of a major research facility for the nation's Strategic Defense Initiative. The facility will include a free linear accelerator housed in a structure approximately six-tenths of a mile long. Congressional sources estimate the facility will cost nearly $1 billion to construct and have an annual operating cost of about $125 million. The accelerator is expected to be operational in the early 1990's. Employment requirements for the new project were not available.

CARLSBAD/ARTESIA AREA: Lundberg Industries has announced plans to reopen its potash mine and refinery on March 4, although the workforce at the mine will be somewhat smaller than before the shutdown. The facility, which was formerly owned by Potash Company of America, was shut down December 1, resulting in the layoff of 375 workers. AMAX Chemical Corp. further reduced its workforce in February with the layoff of 50 salaried employees. AMAX furloughed 225 workers last October, citing poor market conditions as the reason for the layoff. The recent reductions leave AMAX with only about 30 workers. N-Ren Southwest, an anhydrous ammonia plant east of Carlsbad, laid off about 65 workers in February.

FARMINGTON AREA: San Juan Coal Company's La Plata mine has received final state and federal approval, and work on the new mine is expected to begin soon. The mine is expected to employ about 150 people.

GALLUP/GRANTS AREA: The Salt River Power District, Arizona's second largest utility company, has submitted an application to locate a small coal mine south of Gallup near Fence Lake. The company anticipates having the new mine in operation within a year with a workforce of approximately 20. Cibola General Hospital will lay off about 8 employees in late March. The layoffs are attributed to a decline in utilization of hospital facilities.

HOBBS/LOVINGTON AREA: A $7.8 million shopping center and housing development is being planned for Hobbs by two Texas developers. Providence Construction Inc. of Austin plans to build a $2.8 million, 45,000-square-foot shopping center at the intersection of Dal Paso and Glorieta, and LaFonda Construction Inc. will construct approximately 100 new homes behind the center. Work on the development is expected to start by early April. Allsup's Convenience Stores Inc. is expanding in the Hobbs area with the location of five new stores. Each new Allsup's store will cost $120,000, meaning a total investment of $600,000 for the expansion. A number of oil field service companies in the Hobbs area have laid off workers in recent weeks, including Well Tech Inc., 20 workers; Pressure Testing Inc., 13 workers; Badger Welding, 8 employees; and Arco Oil and Gas Co., 15 workers.

LAS CRUCES AREA: Work is underway on the new $8 million, 110,000-square-foot Science Hall at New Mexico State University. The new facility is scheduled for completion in the spring of 1987. Citizens Bank of Las Cruces broke ground in February for its new 30,000-square-foot main branch facility at Loretto Center. Crossmark Development of El Paso is constructing a new $4.1 million, 144-unit apartment complex on Roadrunner Parkway in Las Cruces.

LAS VEGAS AREA: Hisaw and Associates of Albuquerque has been awarded a $1.9 million contract to build a high technologies facility at the Luna Vocational-Technical Institute. The new K-Bobs Restaurant in Las Vegas is expected to open in early March, hiring about 40 people.

LOS ALAMOS AREA: Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) has been awarded a contract worth up to $52.6 million for a new effort to harness fusion power for commercial purposes. The initial contract to LANL will be worth $40.6 million and could receive an additional $12 million when the contract is ready for full operation. The Zia Company, which has held a services contract with LANL for about 4 decades, will be replace by Pan American World Services Inc. on July 1. Pan Am has promised to retain most of the 1,600 workers now employed by Zia.

ROSWELL AREA: Transportation Manufacturing Corporation (TMC) laid off about 450 workers in January due to a seasonal decrease in bus orders. TMC management expects to rehire all furloughed workers by the end of April. Before the recent reductions, TMC employed about 1,200 workers. John C. Cornell Construction of Clovis was awarded a $1.5 million contract for work athletic fieldhouses for Roswell and Goddard High Schools.

SANTA FE AREA: The $2 million renovation of the Hilton Hotel was completed in early February. The Hospital Corporation of America has revised its plans to build a psychiatric hospital in Santa Fe and now is looking into opening a national center for treatment of Alzheimer's disease.

SILVER CITY AREA: Phelps Dodge Corporation plans to install a $10 million oxygen enrichment plant at its Playas copper smelter which will increase smelter capacity by approximately 21 percent according to company officials. The new plant, which is expected to come on line this summer, will result in about five additional employees at the Playas smelter.

TAOS/ANGEL FIRE AREA: Unocal, the parent company of Molycorp, closed the molybdenum mine at Questa at the end of February, laying off about 500 workers. The company expects to keep only about 130 workers on the payroll for limited underground development until molybdenum prices warrant full scale mining. The Angel Fire Corp. laid off about 35 employees in late January due to lack of snow.

NEW MEXICO AND ALBUQUERQUE MSA
1985 CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
BY MONTH AND ANNUAL AVERAGE

NEW MEXICO

1985	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
January	630,821	574,783	56,038	8.9%
February	634,214	576,392	57,822	9.1%
March	640,590	582,732	57,858	9.0%
April	643,594	586,016	57,578	8.9%
May	646,003	588,936	57,067	8.8%
June	650,906	590,923	59,983	9.2%
July	646,713	587,534	59,179	9.2%
August	644,484	589,349	55,135	8.6%
September	651,718	597,177	54,541	8.4%
October	656,650	600,938	55,712	8.5%
November	653,694	597,280	56,414	8.6%
December	652,615	595,941	56,674	8.7%
Annual Average	646,000	589,000	57,000	8.8%

ALBUQUERQUE MSA 1/

1985	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
January	237,112	221,574	15,538	6.6%
February	238,114	222,048	16,066	6.7%
March	240,769	224,651	16,118	6.7%
April	241,654	225,383	16,271	6.7%
May	241,454	225,321	16,133	6.7%
June	242,243	225,062	17,181	7.1%
July	239,996	222,935	17,061	7.1%
August	240,794	224,932	15,862	6.6%
September	245,291	229,493	15,798	6.4%
October	245,345	229,148	16,197	6.6%
November	244,353	228,115	16,238	6.6%
December	245,821	229,936	15,885	6.5%
Annual Average	241,913	225,717	16,196	6.7%

1/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Bernalillo County

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES BY AREA
1985 ANNUAL AVERAGES

1985	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
STATEWIDE	646,000	589,000	57,000	8.8%
ALBUQUERQUE MSA 1/	241,913	225,717	16,196	6.7%
LAS CRUCES MSA 2/	49,776	45,523	4,253	8.5%
SANTA FE MSA 3/	59,313	56,167	3,146	5.3%
Catron	993	824	169	17.0%
Chaves	23,201	21,333	1,868	8.1%
Cibola	8,637	6,567	2,070	24.0%
Colfax	6,930	6,187	743	10.7%
Curry	16,252	15,043	1,209	7.4%
De Baca	922	818	104	11.3%
Eddy	21,930	19472	2458	11.2%
Grant	9,935	8490	1445	14.5%
Guadalupe	1,595	1379	216	13.5%
Harding	498	454	44	8.8%
Hidalgo	2,416	2219	197	8.2%
Lea	26,518	24934	1584	6.0%
Lincoln	7,579	7115	464	6.1%
Luna	5,543	4660	883	15.9%
McKinley	17,005	14719	2286	13.4%
Mora	1,461	1,056	405	27.7%
Otero	16,857	15,432	1,425	8.5%
Quay	4,499	4,049	450	10.0%
Rio Arriba	13,667	11,194	2,473	18.1%
Roosevelt	7,073	6,694	379	5.4%
Sandoval	20,818	19,049	1,769	8.5%
San Juan	34,359	29,608	4,751	13.8%
San Miguel	9,792	8,459	1,333	13.6%
Sierra	2,251	2,042	209	9.3%
Socorro	5,319	4,880	439	8.3%
Taos	10,708	8564	2144	20.0%
Torrance	3,213	2867	346	10.8%
Union	2,090	1942	148	7.1%
Valencia	12,940	11544	1396	10.8%

1/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Bernalillo County

2/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Dona Ana County

3/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Santa Fe and Los Alamos Counties

NEW MEXICO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/

	PRELIMINARY JANUARY 1986				REVISED DECEMBER 1985				REVISED JANUARY 1985			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	649,511	590,004	59,507	9.2%	652,615	595,941	56,674	8.7%	630,821	574,783	56,038	8.9%
ALBUQUERQUE MSA 2/	245,588	229,452	16,136	6.6%	245,821	229,936	15,885	6.5%	237,112	221,574	15,538	6.6%
LAS CRUCES MSA 3/	51,460	47,475	3,985	7.7%	51,379	47,541	3,838	7.5%	48,463	44,534	3,929	8.1%
SANTA FE MSA 4/	60,700	57,114	3,586	5.9%	60,504	57,408	3,096	5.1%	56,896	53,724	3,172	5.6%
Catron	919	724	195	21.2%	938	749	189	20.1%	910	711	199	21.9%
Chaves	23,180	20,951	2,229	9.6%	22,920	21,246	1,674	7.3%	22,565	20,785	1,780	7.9%
Cibola	8,242	6,409	1,833	22.2%	8,635	6,754	1,881	21.8%	8,534	6,745	1,789	21.0%
Colfax	6,676	5,762	914	13.7%	6,781	5,843	938	13.8%	6,564	5,792	772	11.8%
Curry	16,242	14,934	1,308	8.1%	16,319	15,092	1,227	7.5%	15,769	14,589	1,180	7.5%
De Baca	893	756	137	15.3%	921	794	127	13.8%	870	776	94	10.8%
Eddy	21,966	18,831	3,135	14.3%	22,049	19,025	3,024	13.7%	21,845	19,213	2,632	12.0%
Grant	9,491	8,233	1,258	13.3%	9,689	8,520	1,169	12.1%	9,861	8,329	1,532	15.5%
Guadalupe	1,599	1,302	297	18.6%	1,685	1,402	283	16.8%	1,479	1,299	180	12.2%
Harding	454	400	54	11.9%	488	443	45	9.2%	387	359	28	7.2%
Hidalgo	2,310	2,133	177	7.7%	2,290	2,109	181	7.9%	2,360	2,182	178	7.5%
Lea	26,081	24,499	1,582	6.1%	26,005	24,569	1,436	5.5%	26,685	25,064	1,621	6.1%
Lincoln	7,189	6,640	549	7.6%	7,324	6,805	519	7.1%	6,987	6,569	418	6.0%
Luna	5,111	4,277	834	16.3%	5,479	4,589	890	16.2%	5,529	4,697	832	15.0%
McKinley	16,971	14,547	2,424	14.3%	17,156	14,774	2,382	13.9%	17,013	14,806	2,207	13.0%
Mora	1,477	958	519	35.1%	1,541	1,028	513	33.3%	1,425	994	431	30.2%
Otero	17,158	15,600	1,558	9.1%	16,992	15,482	1,510	8.9%	16,768	15,292	1,476	8.8%
Quay	4,259	3,819	440	10.3%	4,374	3,933	441	10.1%	4,299	3,801	498	11.6%
Rio Arriba	13,226	10,356	2,870	21.7%	13,768	11,275	2,493	18.1%	13,227	10,451	2,776	21.0%
Roosevelt	6,860	6,464	396	5.8%	7,345	6,961	384	5.2%	7,046	6,658	388	5.5%
Sandoval	21,157	19,109	2,048	9.7%	21,546	19,642	1,904	8.8%	19,634	17,886	1,748	8.9%
San Juan	34,089	29,629	4,460	13.1%	34,162	29,805	4,357	12.8%	33,700	28,878	4,822	14.3%
San Miguel	10,004	8,561	1,443	14.4%	9,919	8,629	1,290	13.0%	9,138	7,750	1,388	15.2%
Sierra	2,253	2,068	185	8.2%	2,208	1,984	224	10.1%	2,164	1,965	199	9.2%
Socorro	5,247	4,720	527	10.0%	5,417	4,912	505	9.3%	5,079	4,622	457	9.0%
Taos	10,900	8,522	2,378	21.8%	11,101	8,697	2,404	21.7%	10,705	8,727	1,978	18.5%
Torrance	3,091	2,673	418	13.5%	3,246	2,862	384	11.8%	2,891	2,612	279	9.7%
Union	1,932	1,783	149	7.7%	1,966	1,851	115	5.8%	2,011	1,811	200	9.9%
Valencia	12,786	11,303	1,483	11.6%	12,647	11,281	1,366	10.8%	12,905	11,588	1,317	10.2%

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

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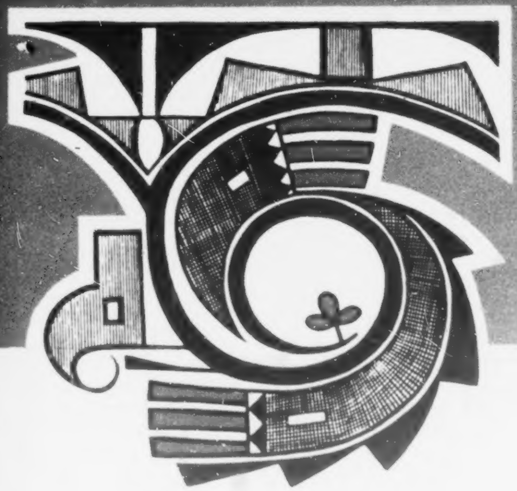

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HIGHLIGHTS

According to preliminary estimates, statewide unemployment remained above 60,000 in February, resulting in an unemployment rate of 9.2 percent. Approximately 2,300 more people were unemployed this year than one year ago. New Mexico's unemployment rate of 9.2 percent compares with the national average rate (not seasonally adjusted) of 7.8 percent in February.

Several counties in the southeastern quadrant of New Mexico saw significant increases in unemployment in February, reflecting the initial effects of falling oil prices and layoffs in manufacturing and potash mining. Lea County's jobless rate jumped from 6.1 to 7.6 percent over the month as numerous oil field companies in the Hobbs area reduced payrolls. In the Carlsbad area, layoffs in oil and gas extraction, potash mining, and in chemical manufacturing caused Eddy County's unemployment rate to climb from 14.3 to 15.9 percent. The jobless rate in Chaves County jumped from 9.8 to 10.8 percent, as layoffs occurred in oil & gas and at a large transportation equipment manufacturer.

In somewhat of a contrast, only a moderate increase in unemployment was recorded during the month in San Juan County, an area with 25 percent of the state's oil & gas jobs. Unfortunately, more recent reports of Unemployment Insurance claims activity from the Farmington area indicate sizeable layoffs occurred in the petroleum industry in March, and San Juan County unemployment estimates are expected to be up sharply next month.

The latest monthly payroll survey of New Mexico employers backs up the jobless figures from the state's oil & gas areas: employment by oil & gas firms fell by 1,300 jobs in February. Construction also recorded an unusual employment decrease in February; however, this was probably due to the heavy snowfall which hampered outside activity during the reference week for the estimates (week of the 12th of each month).

Over the last year, New Mexico's economy generated 11,800 nonagricultural jobs for an annual growth rate of 2.3 percent. This is the weakest performance of any twelve month period since the 1982-83 recession. Layoffs in mining, a sluggish construction industry, and funding cutbacks in government all contributed to the slowdown. Fortunately, the state's large trade and services industries continued to post steady growth during the period.

FEBRUARY SUMMARY

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	654,900	650,100	634,200	+4,800	+20,700
Employment	594,800	589,900	576,400	+4,900	+18,400
Unemployment	60,100	60,200	57,800	- 100	+2,300
Rate	9.2%	9.3%	9.1%		

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

NEW MEXICO	PRELIM FEB 1986	REVISED JAN 1986	REVISED FEB 1985	DEC CHANGE FROM	
				JAN 1986	FEB 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	519,200	518,900	507,500	300	11,700
MINING	18,200	19,600	21,600	-1,400	-3,400
Metal Mining	2,800	2,900	3,600	-100	-800
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying etc	3,200	3,200	4,400	0	-1.200
Oil & Gas Extraction	12,200	13,500	13,600	-1,300	-1,400
CONSTRUCTION	33,400	34,100	34,200	-700	-800
MANUFACTURING	36,900	36,800	36,400	100	500
DURABLE GOODS	24,000	24,000	23,700	0	300
Lumber & Wood Products	2,500	2,500	2,400	0	100
Machinery(except electric)	2,700	2,700	2,900	0	-200
Elec & Electronic Equip	6,500	6,500	6,800	0	-300
Transportation Equipment	4,000	4,100	3,700	-100	300
Other Durable Goods	8,300	8,200	7,900	100	400
NONDURABLE GOODS	12,900	12,800	12,700	100	200
Food & Kindred Products	4,100	4,100	3,900	0	200
Textile & Apparel	2,400	2,300	2,400	100	0
Other Nondurable Goods	6,400	6,400	6,400	0	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	29,100	29,000	30,200	100	-1.100
TRANSPORTATION	12,700	12,600	12,700	100	0
Railroad Transportation	2,300	2,200	2,300	100	0
Trucking & Warehousing	5,900	5,900	6,000	0	-100
Other Transportation	4,500	4,500	4,400	0	100
COMMUNICATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	16,400	16,400	17,500	0	-1,100
Communication	7,100	7,000	7,700	100	-600
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	9,300	9,400	9,800	-100	-500
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	124,600	125,600	116,700	-1,000	7,900
WHOLESALE TRADE	22,900	22,900	22,600	0	300
Durable Goods	13,500	13,500	13,400	0	100
Nondurable Goods	9,400	9,400	9,200	0	200
RETAIL TRADE	101,700	102,700	94,100	-1,000	7,600
Bldg Material & Mobile Homes	4,600	4,500	4,300	100	300
General Merchandise Stores	11,800	12,500	9,800	-700	2,000
Food Stores	15,200	15,400	14,000	-200	1,200
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	12,900	13,000	12,600	-100	300
Apparel & Accessories	5,800	6,200	5,100	-400	700
Furniture & Furnishing	4,300	4,400	4,300	-100	0
Eating & Drinking Places	35,400	34,700	33,300	700	2,100
Miscellaneous Retail	11,700	12,000	10,700	-300	1,000
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	25,700	25,800	25,100	-100	600
Banking	8,100	8,100	8,300	0	-200
Insurance Carriers	3,300	3,300	3,300	0	0
Insur Agents, Brokers & Service	2,700	2,800	2,600	-100	100
Real Estate	6,300	6,300	5,800	0	500
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	5,300	5,300	5,100	0	200
SERVICES	114,900	114,200	108,500	700	6,400
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	11,400	11,500	10,000	-100	1,400
Personal Services	6,000	6,000	6,100	0	-100
Business Services	26,800	26,900	25,400	-100	1,400
Health Services	27,400	27,400	26,200	0	1,200
Legal Services	3,800	3,800	3,700	0	100
Educational Services	4,000	3,800	4,000	200	0
Social Services	7,200	7,100	6,900	100	300
Membership Organizations	5,900	5,800	5,800	100	100
Other Services	22,400	21,900	20,400	500	2,000
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	136,400	133,800	134,800	2,600	1,600
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	28,800	28,900	29,800	-100	-1,000
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	107,600	104,900	105,000	2,700	2,600
State Government 2/	49,400	47,300	47,600	2,100	1,800
Local Government	58,200	57,600	57,400	600	800

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

2/ Includes other State's employees working in New Mexico.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)

HIGHLIGHTS

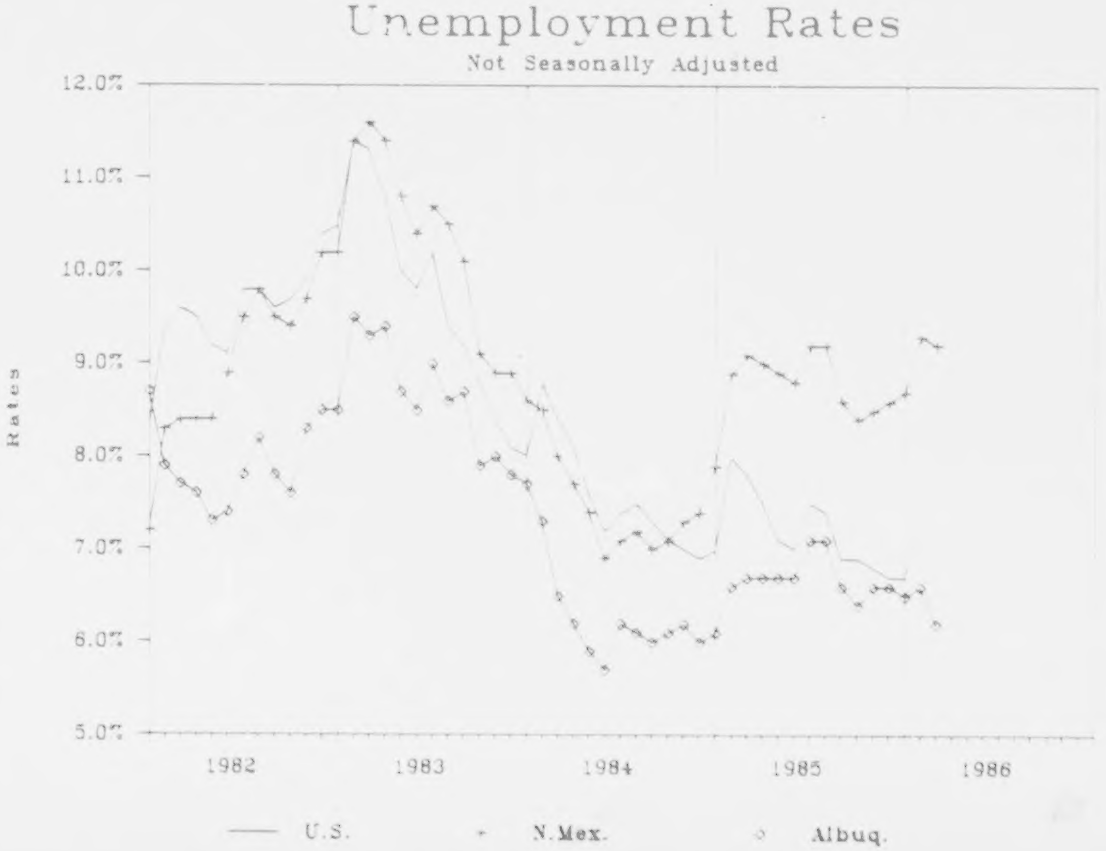
The Albuquerque area unemployment rate fell to 6.2 percent in February, from its January level of 6.6 percent. A rise of 3,300 in total employment in combination with a decline of 700 in the number of unemployed produced the lower February rate.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment was 223,600 in February, an increase of 1,200 jobs from January. The over-the-month gain was led by additions to payrolls in the services and government sectors. Within the services divisions, the start of the spring horse racing season and hiring by income tax preparation firms boosted employment; while the additional government jobs resulted primarily from the return to work of part-time university employees who do not work during the semester break. Those job increases were partially offset by smaller job losses in the construction and retail trade industries. All three major construction industry groups showed work force reductions, while apparel and general merchandise stores continued to adjust payrolls after the recent holiday buying season.

Over the past year, nonagricultural wage and salary job gains totaled 8,800. Seventy percent of the over-the-year advance occurred in just two industry divisions - trade and services. Within those two divisions, several major groups recorded substantial work force growth, principally miscellaneous retail trade stores, general merchandise stores, eating and drinking places, business services, health services and lodging places.

FEBRUARY SUMMARY

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	248,700	246,200	238,100	+2,500	+10,600
Employment	233,200	230,000	222,000	+3,200	+11,200
Unemployment	15,500	16,200	16,100	- 700	- 600
Rate	6.2%	6.6%	6.8%		



ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

ALBUQUERQUE MSA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)	PRELIM FEB 1986	REVISED JAN 1986	REVISED FEB 1985	FEB CHANGE FROM JAN 1986	FEB CHANGE FROM FEB 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	223,600	222,400	214,800	1,200	8,800
MINING	300	300	200	0	100
CONSTRUCTION	17,700	17,900	16,400	-200	1,300
MANUFACTURING	19,300	19,200	19,000	100	300
Durable Goods	13,700	13,700	13,600	0	100
Nondurable Goods	5,600	5,500	5,400	100	200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	12,200	12,200	12,100	0	100
Transportation	5,800	5,700	5,600	100	200
Communication	3,900	4,000	4,000	-100	-100
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	56,900	57,300	53,800	-400	3,100
WHOLESALE TRADE	14,100	14,100	14,000	0	100
Durable Goods	9,400	9,400	9,300	0	100
Nondurable Goods	4,700	4,700	4,700	0	0
RETAIL TRADE	42,800	43,200	39,800	-400	3,000
General Merchandise Stores	4,700	4,900	4,100	-200	600
Food Stores	4,900	4,900	4,500	0	400
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	4,700	4,800	4,500	-100	200
Eating & Drinking Places	15,700	15,400	15,100	300	600
Other Retail Trade	12,800	13,200	11,600	-400	1,200
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	13,500	13,500	12,900	0	600
Banking	3,200	3,200	3,200	0	0
Ins Carriers, Agents & Brokers	3,800	3,800	3,600	0	200
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	6,500	6,500	6,100	0	400
SERVICES	58,700	57,900	55,600	800	3,100
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	3,500	3,400	2,900	100	600
Personal Services	3,400	3,200	3,300	200	100
Business Services	18,800	18,800	18,100	0	700
Health Services	13,200	13,200	12,600	0	600
Social Services	2,800	2,700	2,800	100	0
Membership Organizations	1,700	1,700	1,800	0	-100
Other Services	15,300	14,900	14,100	400	1,200
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	45,000	44,100	44,800	900	200
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	12,800	12,600	12,700	200	100
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	32,200	31,500	32,100	700	100
State Government	13,300	12,800	13,200	500	100
Local Government	18,900	18,700	18,900	200	0

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ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	PRELIM	REVISED	REVISED	FEB CHANGE FROM	
LAS CRUCES MSA (DONA ANA COUNTY) 1/	FEB 1986	JAN 1986	FEB 1985	JAN 1986	FEB 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	38,050	38,000	36,050	50	2,000
MINING 3/	0	0	0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2,500	2,500	2,400	0	100
MANUFACTURING	2,900	2,900	3,150	0	-250
Durable Goods	1,200	1,200	1,150	0	50
Nondurable Goods	1,700	1,700	2,000	0	-300
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,400	1,350	1,400	50	0
Transportation	550	550	600	0	-50
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	850	800	800	50	50
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	7,900	8,000	7,250	-100	650
WHOLESALE TRADE	800	850	800	-50	0
RETAIL TRADE	7,100	7,150	6,450	-50	650
General Merchandise Stores	900	950	700	-50	200
Food Stores	1,000	1,000	950	0	50
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	800	800	850	0	-50
Eating & Drinking Places	3,000	3,000	2,600	0	400
Other Retail Trade	1,400	1,400	1,350	0	50
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	1,550	1,550	1,450	0	100
SERVICES	5,500	5,500	5,000	0	500
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	600	600	550	0	50
Business Services	900	900	800	0	100
Health Services	1,350	1,350	1,150	0	200
Social Services	350	350	300	0	50
Other Services	2,300	2,300	2,200	0	100
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	16,300	16,200	15,400	100	900
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	4,600	4,700	4,600	-100	0
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	11,700	11,500	10,800	200	900
State Government	6,500	6,400	5,900	100	600
Local Government	5,200	5,100	4,900	100	300

	PRELIM	REVISED	REVISED	FEB CHANGE FROM	
SANTA FE MSA (SANTA FE & LOS ALAMOS COUNTIES) 1/	FEB 1986	JAN 1986	FEB 1985	JAN 1986	FEB 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	51,250	51,250	48,150	0	3,100
MINING	150	150	150	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	3,200	3,200	3,100	0	100
MANUFACTURING	1,650	1,650	1,450	0	200
Durable Goods	950	950	850	0	100
Nondurable Goods	700	700	600	0	100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,100	1,100	1,150	0	-50
Transportation	350	350	350	0	0
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	750	750	800	0	-50
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	9,700	9,700	8,250	0	1,450
WHOLESALE TRADE	700	700	650	0	50
RETAIL TRADE	9,000	9,000	7,600	0	1,400
General Merchandise Stores	1,050	1,050	600	0	450
Food Stores	1,150	1,150	1,250	0	-100
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	900	900	800	0	100
Eating & Drinking Places	3,300	3,300	2,800	0	500
Other Retail Trade	2,600	2,600	2,150	0	450
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	2,000	2,000	1,900	0	100
SERVICES	12,050	12,050	12,050	0	0
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0
Business Services	3,000	3,000	2,800	0	200
Health Services	2,600	2,600	2,700	0	-100
Social Services	550	550	550	0	0
Other Services	4,500	4,500	4,600	0	-100
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	21,400	21,400	20,100	0	1,300
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	1,500	1,500	1,600	0	-100
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	19,900	19,900	18,500	0	1,400
State Government 4/	16,200	16,200	14,800	0	1,400
Local Government	3,700	3,700	3,700	0	0

1/ In accordance with the CES Manual, those published cells with less than 2,000 employees are rounded to nearest 50. Those published cells with more than 2,000 employees are rounded to 100.

2/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

3/ The employment for the Las Cruces MSA is rounded to fifty. Because employment in this industry is below 25 it appears as zero.

4/ Includes other State's employees working in New Mexico.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS

Hours and Earnings of Production, Construction and Nonsupervisory Employees
(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
NEW MEXICO	FEB 1986	JAN 1986	FEB 1985	FEB 1986	JAN 1986	FEB 1985	FEB 1986	JAN 1986	FEB 1985
MINING	$511.34	$524.12	$488.42	42.4	42.2	40.6	12.06	12.42	12.03
CONSTRUCTION	$395.60	$395.68	$381.98	33.3	37.9	35.9	11.88	10.44	10.64
MANUFACTURING	$322.10	$336.57	$324.26	38.3	39.0	39.4	8.41	8.63	8.23
Durable Goods	$329.26	$340.65	$338.75	38.6	39.2	39.9	8.53	8.69	8.49
Nondurable Goods	$306.50	$326.10	$293.76	37.7	38.5	38.4	8.13	8.47	7.65
COMMUNICATION & UTILITIES	$425.66	$476.79	$454.10	40.5	42.8	42.4	10.51	11.14	10.71
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	$228.04	$222.75	$217.60	32.3	33.0	32.0	7.06	6.75	6.80
Wholesale Trade	$419.43	$374.26	$389.75	41.0	41.4	41.2	10.23	9.04	9.46
Retail Trade	$189.10	$192.18	$180.00	30.5	31.3	30.0	6.20	6.14	6.00
BANKING	$234.26	$217.50	$208.57	40.6	37.5	38.2	5.77	5.80	5.46

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(Base Year 1967 = 100)

CPI-U - All Urban Consumers
CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

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AREA ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

ALBUQUERQUE AREA: Harte-Hanks Direct Marketing Inc. of Albuquerque discontinued the commercial printing portion of its business in March, resulting in the layoff of approximately 25 of the firm's 125 Albuquerque staff. Construction began in March on the first phase of the $1.6 million, 24,323-square-foot Presidio office building, located at the corner of Lomas Blvd. and Hotel Circle. Work on the $13 million, 312-room Pyramid Plaza Holiday Inn and Convention Center, located in the Journal Center, is progressing; and the facility is scheduled for completion late this year. Capital Glass and Aluminum Corp., a tempered glass manufacturer, has opened a new facility in Albuquerque employing about 30 people. Construction is expected to be completed by August 1 on the $3.4 million, 2-story Seagull Office Plaza. The 56,000-square-foot building is located at the Osuna I-25 interchange area. City of Albuquerque officials have announced a three-month hiring freeze due to recent state and federal funding cutbacks and a recent reorganization of city departments.

ALAMOGORDO/RUIDOSO AREA: A new Wal-Mart discount store opened in Ruidoso in early March with approximately 90 workers. Scott Air Inc. is gearing up for production of a new line of electric motors and has also entered the truck air conditioning market. Scott Air currently employs a work force of 160, and company officials predict that the firm will employ almost 500 workers within five years.

CARLSBAD/ARTESIA AREA: The Carlsbad area received some good news when AMAX reopened its area potash mine in late March with a workforce of approximately 200. AMAX had furloughed 225 workers last October, and another 50 AMAX workers were laid off in mid-February. Also, Lundberg Industries reopened its potash mine in early March with a work force of 325. Lundberg officials said another 100 workers could be hired within a few weeks of reopening. Most of the construction work on the Waste Isolation Pilot Project near Carlsbad will be completed by the end of this year according to officials of Westinghouse Corp., the project manager for the facility. Through 1987 and much of 1988, operating equipment will be installed and personnel will be trained at WIPP. The first shipments of nuclear waste is not scheduled to arrive until October 1988. The current workforce at WIPP is approximately 700. A new manufacturing operation is scheduled to move into the Artesia Industrial Park in the near future. Striplin Pre-Fab Co. will manufacture pre-built homes at its new plant, which will have a staff of approximately 30. Wal-Mart hired about 120 workers for the opening of its new Carlsbad store in late February.

CLOVIS/PORTALES AREA: Frozfruit Inc. has started limited production at its new frozen fruit bar manufacturing plant located in the former Swift meat packing facility in Clovis. At full production, the company will have about 100 permanent workers, and plans call for employment of another 200 workers in the peak production season of April through August each year. Cummins Gas Engines has purchased the former Levi Strauss plant for expansion of its production facilities. Cummins currently employs 30 workers. Cornell Construction of Clovis was awarded the contract for construction of the $2.5 million Roosevelt County jail in Portales. Vantage Construction of Roswell was awarded a $1.5 million contract for a computer facility at Eastern New Mexico University's Clovis campus.

GRANTS AREA: The Grants area received welcome news recently when Chevron Inc. announced plans to continue mining uranium ore at its Mount Taylor Mine near Grants. Chevron has operated the mine on a test basis for the last year to assess the feasibility of mining the extensive high grade uranium reserves in the area. Chevron employs about 160 workers at the mine. Bagdad Plastics Company has almost completed the move of its plumbing products manufacturing plant from Phoenix to Grants, and the firm expects to begin production within a few weeks. Bagdad has hired about 25 workers, and officials indicate another 20 to 25 workers will be hired before production begins.

FARMINGTON AREA: Construction of the $60 million Conoco-Tenneco gas processing plant is moving along at a steady pace with completion expected on October 1. Pan West of Houston, TX is the general contractor on the project. When in operation, the plant will employ about 25 workers. Ground was broken in late February on the new 18,000-square-foot office building for Amoco Production Company. The building will house about 75 company employees. Amoco has announced it will reduce its exploration budget in the San Juan Basin from $80 million in 1985 (about 150 wells) to between $40 and $50 million in 1986 (30 to 40 wells).

HOBBS/LOVINGTON AREA: According to recent reports, the Permian Basin is now averaging 100 fewer rigs in operation than during comparable periods in 1984. The recent drop in oil prices has also resulted in layoffs by many area oil service companies. In Hobbs, Providence Construction and La Fonda Construction, Inc. have commenced work on a new $7.8 million development which will include a shopping center and approximately 100 homes.

LAS CRUCES AREA: A new firm, Flores de New Mexico, is planning to locate a large cut-flower growing operation on New Mexico State University land near Las Cruces. The firm intends to construct greenhouses covering approximately 20 acres and initially hire between 20 and 30 workers. Construction on the facilities should begin by May.

RATON/CLAYTON AREA: Amoco Production Company officials have announced plans to reduce operating expenses at the company's Bravo Dome CO_2 project due to declining oil prices. Amoco is expected to complete a 15 well tie-in to its Rosebud compressor station by late April; but after that, any further development on the Bravo Dome project will probably be delayed, according to Amoco officials. La Mesa Park will begin its 1986 horse racing season on April 26. The park normally hires about 200 people for the racing season.

ROSWELL AREA: Navajo Refining Co. hired approximately 300 temporary workers for two weeks in March for a major maintenance project at its Roswell fuel refinery. McDonnell-Douglas Aircraft Co. brought about 40 engineers, pilots, and aircraft personnel to the Roswell Municipal Airport for two weeks in March for testing of a newly designed engine component for commercial airliners produced by the firm.

SANTA FE AREA: Ground has been broken on an $8.3 million, 150-apartment retirement center on Alta Vista Street in Santa Fe. The Ponce de Leon Retirement Center is scheduled for completion in October.

SILVER CITY AREA: KNC Inc. of Albuquerque was awarded a $1.2 million contract from the State Highway Dept. for overlay work in the Black-Smith Canyon area west of Silver City.

SOCORRO AREA: Technical Management Services Corporation (TAMSCO) is looking at the Magdalena area for possible location of a small electronics manufacturing plant. The plant under consideration could be in operation by 1987 with a workforce of between 30 and 60.

TAOS AREA: The area ski resorts, including Taos Ski Valley, Red River, and Angel Fire, are all expected to close for the season in mid-April, meaning the loss of several hundred jobs. Molycorp recalled about ten workers in March to cover a mine tailings site.

TUCUMCARI AREA: The 66 Packing Company reopened its meat packing operations in Tucumcari in late February, with a work force of about 10. The packing plant had remained closed for almost one year.

NEW MEXICO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/

	PRELIMINARY FEBRUARY 1986				REVISED JANUARY 1986				REVISED FEBRUARY 1985			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	654,894	594,843	60,051	9.2%	650,036	589,871	60,165	9.3%	634,214	576,392	57,822	9.1%
ALBUQUERQUE MSA 2/	248,697	233,243	15,454	6.2%	246,223	229,984	16,239	6.6%	238,114	222,048	16,066	6.7%
LAS CRUCES MSA 3/	51,760	47,814	3,946	7.6%	51,382	47,336	4,046	7.9%	48,661	44,723	3,938	8.1%
SANTA FE MSA 4/	61,533	57,917	3,616	5.9%	61,378	57,760	3,618	5.9%	56,977	53,794	3,183	5.6%
Catron	940	723	217	23.1%	917	723	194	21.2%	952	710	242	25.4%
Chaves	22,994	20,512	2,482	10.8%	23,211	20,928	2,283	9.8%	22,617	20,921	1,696	7.5%
Cibola	8,294	6,485	1,809	21.8%	8,252	6,402	1,850	22.4%	8,641	6,591	2,050	23.7%
Colfax	6,706	5,782	924	13.8%	6,698	5,755	943	14.1%	6,549	5,748	801	12.2%
Curry	16,224	14,957	1,267	7.8%	16,220	14,917	1,303	8.0%	15,758	14,557	1,201	7.6%
De Baca	892	772	120	13.5%	891	756	135	15.2%	859	753	106	12.3%
Eddy	22,327	18,787	3,540	15.9%	21,950	18,811	3,139	14.3%	21,557	19,277	2,280	10.6%
Grant	9,442	8,175	1,267	13.4%	9,509	8,224	1,285	13.5%	10,057	8,492	1,565	15.6%
Guadalupe	1,603	1,304	299	18.7%	1,597	1,300	297	18.6%	1,457	1,279	178	12.2%
Harding	462	412	50	10.8%	453	400	53	11.7%	392	355	37	9.4%
Hidalgo	2,349	2,180	169	7.2%	2,307	2,131	176	7.6%	2,395	2,219	176	7.3%
Lea	26,317	24,323	1,994	7.6%	26,048	24,472	1,576	6.1%	26,666	25,142	1,524	5.7%
Lincoln	7,065	6,497	568	8.0%	7,193	6,633	560	7.8%	6,950	6,472	478	6.9%
Luna	5,314	4,416	898	16.9%	5,148	4,273	875	17.0%	5,448	4,551	897	16.5%
McKinley	17,125	14,786	2,339	13.7%	16,975	14,531	2,444	14.4%	17,004	14,828	2,176	12.8%
Mora	1,508	928	580	38.5%	1,488	957	531	35.7%	1,437	1,002	435	30.3%
Otero	17,062	15,578	1,484	8.7%	17,211	15,583	1,628	9.5%	16,837	15,315	1,522	9.0%
Quay	4,318	3,862	456	10.6%	4,265	3,815	450	10.6%	4,321	3,841	480	11.1%
Rio Arriba	13,394	10,326	3,068	22.9%	13,267	10,344	2,923	22.0%	13,497	10,515	2,982	22.1%
Roosevelt	6,882	6,464	418	6.1%	6,449	6,057	392	6.1%	7,096	6,740	356	5.0%
Sandoval	20,780	18,820	1,960	9.4%	21,139	19,087	2,052	9.7%	19,552	17,730	1,822	9.3%
San Juan	34,095	29,535	4,560	13.4%	34,123	29,596	4,527	13.3%	34,224	28,828	5,396	15.8%
San Miguel	9,999	8,569	1,430	14.3%	9,502	8,060	1,442	15.2%	9,853	8,370	1,483	15.1%
Sierra	2,303	2,120	183	7.9%	2,252	2,066	186	8.3%	2,159	1,946	213	9.9%
Socorro	5,580	5,052	528	9.5%	5,250	4,715	535	10.2%	5,422	4,935	487	9.0%
Taos	10,870	8,422	2,448	22.5%	10,917	8,513	2,404	22.0%	10,701	8,552	2,149	20.1%
Torrance	3,040	2,628	412	13.6%	3,106	2,670	436	14.0%	2,994	2,644	350	11.7%
Union	1,967	1,808	159	8.1%	1,933	1,781	152	7.9%	1,969	1,791	178	9.0%
Valencia	13,052	11,646	1,406	10.8%	12,782	11,291	1,491	11.7%	13,098	11,723	1,375	10.5%

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

2/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Bernalillo County

3/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Dona Ana County

4/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Santa Fe and Los Alamos Counties

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HIGHLIGHTS

New Mexico's labor force estimates for March indicate a rather disappointing performance by the State's economy during the month. The number of unemployed increased slightly in March; and the jobless rate remained unchanged, both in contrast to the normal springtime improvement seen this time of year. New Mexico's unemployment rate of 9.2 percent in March compares with the national average rate (not seasonally adjusted) of 7.5 percent.

Total nonagricultural payroll employment edged up by 800 jobs during the month. The bulk of the increases were in construction, trade, and services, all fairly normal expansions for this time of year. The employment picture was decidedly different in the mining industry, however. Mining employment fell by 2,000 jobs in March, as layoffs occurred in oil & gas and in metal mining. The lost jobs were the result of the falloff in oil prices and the closure of the Molycorp molybdenum mine near Taos. The only bright spot in mining was the reopening of two potash mines in the Carlsbad area, AMAX and Lundberg, which added about 400 jobs to the nonmetallic subsector.

As expected, the March labor force estimates reflected significant unemployment increases in Lea, San Juan, and Taos Counties because of the problems in oil and molybdenum mining mentioned above. In the Hobbs area, Lea County's unemployment rate has jumped from 6.1 to 9.5 percent over the last two months; San Juan County's unemployment rate was up from 13.5 to 15.8 percent during March. Taos County's already high jobless rate soared even higher in March, climbing from 23.0 to 29.4 percent.

MARCH SUMMARY

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	Mar. 1986	Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985	Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	659,000	655,100	640,600	+3,900	+18,400
Employment	598,200	594,700	582,700	+3,500	+15,500
Unemployment	60,800	60,400	57,900	+ 400	+2,900
Rate	9.2%	9.2%	9.0%		

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

NEW MEXICO	PRELIM MAR 1986	REVISED FEB 1986	REVISED MAR 1985	MAR CHANGE FROM FEB 1986	MAR CHANGE FROM MAR 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	519,900	519,100	513,100	800	6,800
MINING	16,200	18,200	21,500	-2,000	-5,300
Metal Mining	2,300	2,700	3,500	-400	-1,200
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying etc	3,600	3,200	4,400	400	-800
Oil & Gas Extraction	10,300	12,300	13,600	-2,000	-3,300
CONSTRUCTION	35,000	33,800	36,200	1,200	-1,200
MANUFACTURING	36,600	36,900	36,600	-300	0
DURABLE GOODS	23,900	24,000	23,900	-100	0
Lumber & Wood Products	2,400	2,500	2,300	-100	100
Machinery(except electric)	2,700	2,700	2,900	0	-200
Elec & Electronic Equip	6,600	6,500	6,800	100	-200
Transportation Equipment	4,000	4,000	3,800	0	200
Other Durable Goods	8,200	8,300	8,100	-100	100
NONDURABLE GOODS	12,700	12,900	12,700	-200	0
Food & Kindred Products	4,000	4,100	3,900	-100	100
Textile & Apparel	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	6,300	6,400	6,400	-100	-100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	29,100	29,000	30,300	100	-1,200
TRANSPORTATION	12,700	12,700	12,800	0	-100
Railroad Transportation	2,300	2,200	2,400	100	-100
Trucking & Warehousing	5,900	6,000	6,000	-100	-100
Other Transportation	4,500	4,500	4,400	0	100
COMMUNICATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	16,400	16,300	17,500	100	-1,100
Communication	7,000	7,000	7,700	0	-700
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	9,400	9,300	9,800	100	-400
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	125,200	124,000	117,900	1,200	7,300
WHOLESALE TRADE	23,000	22,900	22,800	100	200
Durable Goods	13,700	13,600	13,500	100	200
Nondurable Goods	9,300	9,300	9,300	0	0
RETAIL TRADE	102,200	101,100	95,100	1,100	7,100
Bldg Material & Mobile Homes	4,900	4,500	4,500	400	400
General Merchandise Stores	12,000	11,700	9,800	300	2,200
Food Stores	15,200	15,200	14,000	0	1,200
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	13,100	13,000	12,700	100	400
Apparel & Accessories	5,600	5,800	5,100	-200	500
Furniture & Furnishing	4,300	4,300	4,300	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	35,600	35,100	34,000	500	1,600
Miscellaneous Retail	11,500	11,500	10,700	0	800
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	26,100	25,800	25,200	300	900
Banking	8,200	8,100	8,300	100	-100
Insurance Carriers	3,300	3,300	3,400	0	-100
Insur Agents, Brokers & Service	2,900	2,800	2,600	100	300
Real Estate	6,300	6,200	5,800	100	500
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	5,400	5,400	5,100	0	300
SERVICES	115,800	115,100	110,500	700	5,300
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	11,500	11,300	10,300	200	1,200
Personal Services	6,000	6,000	6,100	0	-100
Business Services	27,500	27,200	26,200	300	1,300
Health Services	27,300	27,300	26,300	0	1,000
Legal Services	3,900	3,900	3,800	0	100
Educational Services	4,100	4,000	4,200	100	-100
Social Services	7,200	7,200	7,000	0	200
Membership Organizations	5,900	5,900	5,900	0	0
Other Services	22,400	22,300	20,700	100	1,700
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	135,900	136,300	134,900	-400	1,000
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	28,600	28,800	29,800	-200	-1,200
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	107,300	107,500	105,100	-200	2,200
State Government 2/	49,400	49,400	47,700	0	1,700
Local Government	57,900	58,100	57,400	-200	500

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

2/ Includes employees of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)

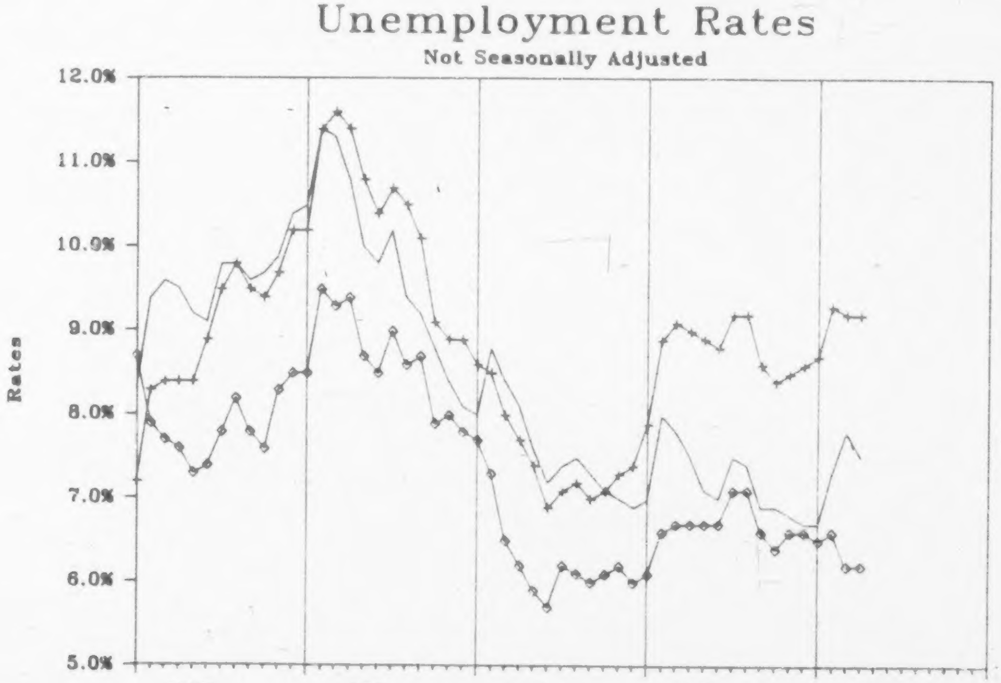
The Albuquerque area unemployment rate for March remained at the February level of 6.2 percent, according to preliminary estimates. The number of people working rose less than one percent over the month, a movement which was not sufficient to alter the rate, as the number of people out of work was virtually unchanged during the period. The unemployment rate now stands one-half of a percentage point below the level of one year ago.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment eased upward by 1,000 jobs to a March level of 224,500. This is the smallest February-to-March increase in this figure since the recession year of 1982. No major industrial group displayed an over-the-month employment gain greater than 200, and most major groups experienced either upward or downward shifts of only a few dozen jobs.

Similarly modest employment gains are observed in over-the-year comparisons, as most major groups exhibited payroll advances of only a few hundred workers since March 1985. In line with recent trends, the largest increases were recorded in the trade and services divisions. The gain of just 700 construction jobs (4 % growth) since a year ago illustrates the slowdown which has occurred in the division recently. Just a few months ago, the industry was experiencing annual growth approaching 20 percent. In manufacturing, 200 jobs were added over the last twelve months, continuing a one and one-half year pattern of only modest growth by the industry. A final decision by the Federal Trade Commission on Japanese "dumping" of computer chips is expected within six weeks. A decision favorable to domestic manufacturers could have a beneficial impact on Albuquerque area employment, because computer chip makers are an important segment of this area's manufacturing community.

MARCH SUMMARY

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	Mar. 1986	Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985	Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	251,400	249,400	240,800	+2,000	+10,600
Employment	235,900	233,900	224,700	+2,000	+11,200
Unemployment	15,500	15,500	16,100	0	- 600
Rate	6.2%	6.2%	6.7%		



ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

ALBUQUERQUE MSA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)	PRELIM MAR 1986	REVISED FEB 1986	REVISED MAR 1985	MAR CHANGE FROM	
				FEB 1986	MAR 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	224,500	223,500	216,600	1,000	7,900
MINING	300	300	200	0	100
CONSTRUCTION	17,800	17,600	17,100	200	700
MANUFACTURING	19,400	19,400	19,200	0	200
Durable Goods	13,900	13,800	13,800	100	100
Nondurable Goods	5,500	5,600	5,400	-100	100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	12,200	12,100	12,000	100	200
Transportation	5,800	5,700	5,600	100	200
Communication	3,900	3,900	3,900	0	0
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	2,500	2,500	2,500	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	57,000	56,800	54,200	200	2,800
WHOLESALE TRADE	14,200	14,100	14,000	100	200
Durable Goods	9,500	9,400	9,300	100	200
Nondurable Goods	4,700	4,700	4,700	0	0
RETAIL TRADE	42,800	42,700	40,200	100	2,600
General Merchandise Stores	4,600	4,600	4,000	0	600
Food Stores	4,900	4,800	4,600	100	300
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	4,800	4,800	4,500	0	300
Eating & Drinking Places	15,900	15,800	15,400	100	500
Other Retail Trade	12,600	12,700	11,700	-100	900
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	13,400	13,400	13,200	0	200
Banking	3,200	3,200	3,300	0	-100
Ins Carriers, Agents & Brokers	3,800	3,800	3,700	0	100
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	6,400	6,400	6,200	0	200
SERVICES	59,000	58,800	56,200	200	2,800
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	3,600	3,500	3,000	100	600
Personal Services	3,300	3,300	3,300	0	0
Business Services	18,900	18,900	18,200	0	700
Health Services	13,200	13,200	12,800	0	400
Social Services	2,800	2,800	2,800	0	0
Membership Organizations	1,700	1,700	1,800	0	-100
Other Services	15,500	15,400	14,300	100	1,200
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	45,400	45,100	44,500	300	900
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	12,700	12,700	12,700	0	0
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	32,700	32,400	31,800	300	900
State Government	13,600	13,500	13,000	100	600
Local Government	19,100	18,900	18,800	200	300

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	PRELIM	REVISED	REVISED	MAR CHANGE FROM	
LAS CRUCES MSA (DONA ANA COUNTY) 1/	MAR 1986	FEB 1986	MAR 1985	FEB 1986	MAR 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	38,250	38,000	36,700	250	1,550
MINING 3/	0	0	0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2,700	2,600	2,600	100	100
MANUFACTURING	2,950	2,950	3,250	0	-300
Durable Goods	1,250	1,250	1,250	0	0
Nondurable Goods	1,700	1,700	2,000	0	-300
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0
Transportation	600	600	600	0	0
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	800	800	800	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	7,900	7,850	7,350	50	550
WHOLESALE TRADE	800	800	800	0	0
RETAIL TRADE	7,100	7,050	6,550	50	550
General Merchandise Stores	900	900	700	0	200
Food Stores	950	1,000	950	-50	0
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	850	850	850	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3,000	2,900	2,700	100	300
Other Retail Trade	1,400	1,400	1,350	0	50
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	1,650	1,600	1,500	50	150
SERVICES	5,550	5,500	5,000	50	550
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	600	600	550	0	50
Business Services	900	900	800	0	100
Health Services	1,400	1,350	1,150	50	250
Social Services	350	350	300	0	50
Other Services	2,300	2,300	2,200	0	100
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	16,100	16,100	15,600	0	500
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	4,600	4,600	4,600	0	0
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	11,500	11,500	11,000	0	500
State Government	6,400	6,400	6,000	0	400
Local Government	5,100	5,100	5,000	0	100

	PRELIM	REVISED	REVISED	MAR CHANGE FROM	
SANTA FE MSA (SANTA FE & LOS ALAMOS COUNTIES) 1/	MAR 1986	FEB 1986	MAR 1985	FEB 1986	MAR 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	50,450	50,200	48,550	250	1,900
MINING	150	150	150	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	3,200	3,100	3,300	100	-100
MANUFACTURING	1,600	1,600	1,450	0	150
Durable Goods	900	900	850	0	50
Nondurable Goods	700	700	600	0	100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,150	1,150	1,150	0	0
Transportation	400	400	350	0	50
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	750	750	800	0	-50
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	9,700	9,550	8,500	150	1,200
WHOLESALE TRADE	700	700	650	0	50
RETAIL TRADE	9,000	8,850	7,850	150	1,150
General Merchandise Stores	950	950	600	0	350
Food Stores	1,200	1,200	1,250	0	-50
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	900	900	800	0	100
Eating & Drinking Places	3,400	3,300	3,000	100	400
Other Retail Trade	2,550	2,500	2,200	50	350
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	2,000	2,000	1,900	0	100
SERVICES	12,250	12,150	12,000	100	250
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	1,400	1,400	1,450	0	-50
Business Services	3,000	3,000	2,800	0	200
Health Services	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0
Social Services	550	550	550	0	0
Other Services	4,700	4,600	4,600	100	100
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	20,400	20,500	20,100	-100	300
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	1,400	1,400	1,600	0	-200
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	19,000	19,100	18,500	-100	500
State Government 4/	15,300	15,400	14,800	-100	500
Local Government	3,700	3,700	3,700	0	0

1/ In accordance with the CES Manual, those published cells with less than 2,000 employees are rounded to nearest 50. Those published cells with more than 2,000 employees are rounded to 100.

2/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

3/ The employment for the Las Cruces MSA is rounded to fifty. Because employment in this industry is below 25 it appears as zero.

4/ Includes employees of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

NOTE: The JAN 1986 Santa Fe MSA State Government employment has been revised to 15,400. Totals for January should be adjusted accordingly.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS

Hours and Earnings of Production, Construction and Nonsupervisory Employees
(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
NEW MEXICO	MAR 1986	FEB 1986	MAR 1985	MAR 1986	FEB 1986	MAR 1985	MAR 1986	FEB 1986	MAR 1985
MINING	$510.25	$511.26	$496.43	40.4	41.6	41.3	12.63	12.29	12.02
CONSTRUCTION	$365.75	$383.29	$359.50	35.0	33.8	35.7	10.45	11.34	10.07
MANUFACTURING	$326.24	$327.28	$314.11	38.7	38.1	38.4	8.43	8.59	8.18
Durable Goods	$338.04	$336.16	$324.69	38.9	38.2	38.7	8.69	8.80	8.39
Nondurable Goods	$313.29	$305.80	$291.80	38.3	37.8	37.7	8.18	8.09	7.74
COMMUNICATION & UTILITIES	$467.62	$476.58	$477.12	41.2	42.4	42.0	11.35	11.24	11.36
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	$208.46	$223.10	$218.46	31.3	31.6	32.9	6.66	7.06	6.64
Wholesale Trade	$346.53	$394.23	$375.08	39.2	40.6	41.4	8.84	9.71	9.06
Retail Trade	$180.58	$182.38	$184.14	29.7	29.8	31.0	6.08	6.12	5.94
BANKING	$230.92	$231.66	$207.48	40.3	40.5	38.0	5.73	5.72	5.46
ALBUQUERQUE MSA	U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics has been forced to cancel funds for this series due to reductions caused by the Gramm - Rudman - Hollings Balanced Budget Act.								
MANUFACTURING									
Durable Goods									
Nondurable Goods									

NOTE: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part time work, overtime work etc.

Additional Information on State Government Employment

Number of Classified State Govt. Workers

March 1986	15,278
February 1986	15,298
March 1985	15,060

These figures include classified employees working for classified agencies of the executive branch of state government. This information is furnished by the New Mexico State Personnel Office.

U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
March 1986

CPI-U - 326.0
CPI-W - 321.4

(Base Year 1967 = 100)
CPI-U - All Urban Consumers
CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

AREA ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

ALBUQUERQUE AREA: The Public Service Company of New Mexico has issued layoff notices to 93 employees in Albuquerque. The layoffs, effective July 31, are the result of cost cutting measures being taken by the company. Monolithic Memories Inc. is expected to make a decision within the next few weeks about when to restart construction of its 150,000-square-foot, $100 million computer chip manufacturing plant in Albuquerque. Construction was halted on the new facility in January 1985 due to the slumping computer market. The company is expected to employ about 700 people when the facility is in operation. Touche Ross & Co., an accounting firm, is closing its Albuquerque office, which has 30 employees, by June 1986. St. Joseph Hospital plans to begin construction on a $9.2 million, 64-bed rehabilitation facility late this year on property near the downtown area. Bag & Save will open a new warehouse grocery store in Albuquerque in July which will employ between 70 and 100 new workers. A new restaurant, Knickerbockers, will open in the former Ned's Marina facility on Uptown Blvd. NE in July, and the facility is expected to hire about 95 workers. A new Luby's Cafeteria, now under construction at Juan Tabo & Lomas NE, is scheduled to open in July or August with about 100 employees.

ALAMOGORDO / RUIDOSO AREA: A new $1.2 million Safeway food store is under construction in Ruidoso. Work has started on a $2 million road project on White Sands Blvd. in Alamogordo.

CARLSBAD / ARTESIA AREA: After a five-month shutdown due to depressed market conditions, AMAX Chemical Corp. reopened its potash mine and refinery near Carlsbad in late March, recalling about 200 workers. The N-ReN anhydrous ammonia plant in Carlsbad, which was shut down in early December 1985, has been sold to International Nitrogen and Chemical Corp. of Phoenix; and the plant is expected to be reopened in the near future. The ammonia plant employed approximately 65 workers before the recent shutdown.

ESPANOLA AREA: Kirkland Construction Company of Rye, Colorado has received a $2.7 million contract to reconstruct 3.1 miles of U.S. Highway 84. Avery Construction Company from Buena Vista, Colorado has received a contract for the construction of a small hydro-electric plant at El Vado Dam. The company will employ approximately 30 workers over the one and one-half year life of the project.

FARMINGTON AREA: The Public Service Company of New Mexico laid off about 28 workers at its San Juan Generating Station in late March. The Y & S Candies factory has added a third shift at its Farmington plant, resulting in the addition of 16 new workers.

GALLUP / GRANTS AREA: Bagdad Plastics, a Grants-based manufacturer of molded plastic products, has been awarded a $165,000 grant by the New Mexico In-Plant Training Committee to train 60 new employees. The company began full production in mid-April. The Santa Fe Railway has decided on a new run-through plan that means trains will no longer stop in Gallup to change crews. The company plans to move 100 to 150 employees from Gallup as a result of the decision.

HOBBS / LOVINGTON AREA: Numerous oil field related businesses in the area have laid off workers due to the sharp drop in oil prices, and oil well drilling in the Permian Basin is at its lowest level since 1979.

LAS CRUCES AREA: Several Dona Ana County dairies will shut down their operations for the next five years under a U.S. Department of Agriculture program to reduce milk production. According to officials, the program will take out of production approximately 5,700 dairy cows in the County. The Las Cruces Parks Department has received 500 acres of land from the Bureau of Land Management which will be used for a multi-purpose recreational park. Approximately $3.5 million will be spent developing the new facility. The SWIG Pecan Co-op plant is scheduled to reopen for production in June. The 40,000-square-foot plant, which will be able to process about 20,000 pounds of pecans per day, should employ about 30 workers. Work on the new seven-story Hilton Inn in Las Cruces is well under way, and the 205-room facility is expected to open this fall.

LAS VEGAS AREA: Ground was broken for the Luna Vocational-Technical Institute's technologies building in April. The $2.5 million structure is scheduled for completion in December.

RATON / CLAYTON AREA: Kaiser Coal Corporation suspended surface and underground coal mining operations at its Cimarron mine near Raton for a one week period in early April, resulting in the layoff of about 350 workers. Company officials cited poor coal sales due to the drop in oil prices as the reason for the shutdown. About 170 workers were called back after one week; however, 180 miners were still idled as of April 25. La Mesa Park will open its 1986 horse racing season in late April.

ROSWELL AREA: Transportation Manufacturing Corp. (TMC) is scheduled to begin production of its new robotic trailers in late April. The company plans to produce approximately 3,500 of the new trailers by the end of next year. Each trailer is a computer-controlled van used to transport automobiles, via the railroad, from the manufacturer to the dealer facility. City approval has been given for a 40 acre shopping center development on North Main Street in Roswell. Lynch Properties of Dallas plans to locate a shopping center, motel, and other facilities on the property, with development coming in several stages over the next few years.

SANTA FE AREA: The second phase of development of Marcy Plaza in Santa Fe is underway. A three-level, 250-space parking garage and a 20,000-square-foot office building are being added to an existing office building. The new Continental Inn in Santa Fe is scheduled for a May 5th opening date. Employment in the area lodging and restaurant subsectors has begun to increase with the approaching summer tourist season.

SILVER CITY AREA: A recent Phelps Dodge Corp. report revealed that the Tyrone copper ore body is expected to be exhausted by no later than the early 1990's, meaning the end of open pit mining and milling at the Tyrone facility. Phelps Dodge employs over 700 workers at the Tyrone mine and mill. Kennecott Corp. and its unions are continuing their contract talks. Kennecott's current union contract expires June 30, and the company has proposed major concessions in wages and benefits because of the depressed copper prices.

TAOS AREA: The Sangre de Cristo Corporation has purchased 275 acres at the top of Bobcat Pass to begin development of White Wind resort this summer. Plans call for 260 single-family and multifamily homes built around a nine-hole golf course. Taos Ski Valley closed for the season on April 6, resulting in the layoff of approximately 350 workers. The Holy Cross Hospital in Taos laid off about 20 employees in early April due to cash flow problems. The hospital administrator hopes to rehire those employees by June 1. The Plaza at Angel Fire hotel temporarily closed on April 12, laying off approximately 70 workers. The hotel is expected to reopen during the Memorial Day weekend.

NEW MEXICO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/

	PRELIMINARY MARCH 1986				REVISED FEBRUARY 1986				REVISED MARCH 1985			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	659,018	598,187	60,831	9.2%	655,165	594,729	60,436	9.2%	640,590	582,732	57,858	9.0%
ALBUQUERQUE MSA 2/	251,469	235,930	15,539	6.2%	249,466	233,934	15,532	6.2%	240,769	224,651	16,118	6.7%
LAS CRUCES MSA 3/	52,387	48,441	3,946	7.5%	51,968	47,918	4,050	7.8%	49,247	45,201	4,046	8.2%
SANTA FE MSA 4/	60,865	57,497	3,368	5.5%	60,520	56,888	3,632	6.0%	57,405	54,229	3,176	5.5%
Catron	992	758	234	23.6%	958	726	232	24.2%	939	690	249	26.5%
Chaves	23,011	20,709	2,302	10.0%	23,094	20,592	2,502	10.8%	22,873	21,134	1,739	7.6%
Cibola	8,489	6,709	1,780	21.0%	8,458	6,651	1,807	21.4%	8,893	6,628	2,265	25.5%
Colfax	6,792	5,904	888	13.1%	6,740	5,804	936	13.9%	6,651	5,835	816	12.3%
Curry	16,500	15,326	1,174	7.1%	16,278	15,015	1,263	7.8%	16,011	14,827	1,184	7.4%
De Baca	913	775	138	15.1%	900	775	125	13.9%	874	760	114	13.0%
Eddy	22,255	19,207	3,048	13.7%	22,491	18,926	3,565	15.9%	21,794	19,511	2,283	10.5%
Grant	9,904	8,676	1,228	12.4%	9,792	8,511	1,281	13.1%	10,088	8,541	1,547	15.3%
Guadalupe	1,640	1,360	280	17.1%	1,566	1,267	299	19.1%	1,483	1,284	199	13.4%
Harding	452	392	60	13.3%	430	381	49	11.4%	428	388	40	9.3%
Hidalgo	2,366	2,208	158	6.7%	2,359	2,189	170	7.2%	2,416	2,239	177	7.3%
Lea	25,270	22,878	2,392	9.5%	26,017	24,038	1,979	7.6%	27,027	25,366	1,661	6.1%
Lincoln	7,184	6,640	544	7.6%	7,100	6,522	578	8.1%	6,957	6,498	459	6.6%
Luna	5,419	4,521	898	16.6%	5,304	4,433	871	16.4%	5,468	4,587	881	16.1%
McKinley	17,100	14,864	2,236	13.1%	17,168	14,823	2,345	13.7%	16,899	14,722	2,177	12.9%
Mora	1,524	950	574	37.7%	1,510	932	578	38.3%	1,459	1,016	443	30.4%
Otero	17,245	15,779	1,466	8.5%	17,150	15,638	1,512	8.8%	16,954	15,457	1,497	8.8%
Quay	4,337	3,925	412	9.5%	4,265	3,810	455	10.7%	4,386	3,927	459	10.5%
Rio Arriba	13,159	10,047	3,112	23.6%	13,005	9,931	3,074	23.6%	13,583	10,634	2,949	21.7%
Roosevelt	7,277	6,905	372	5.1%	7,131	6,711	420	5.9%	7,127	6,744	383	5.4%
Sandoval	20,739	18,843	1,896	9.1%	20,498	18,556	1,942	9.5%	19,689	17,912	1,777	9.0%
San Juan	34,245	28,839	5,406	15.8%	34,278	29,649	4,629	13.5%	34,962	29,885	5,077	14.5%
San Miguel	10,110	8,648	1,462	14.5%	9,972	8,531	1,441	14.5%	9,943	8,456	1,487	15.0%
Sierra	2,345	2,159	186	7.9%	2,318	2,128	190	8.2%	2,177	1,960	217	10.0%
Socorro	5,662	5,166	496	8.8%	5,596	5,072	524	9.4%	5,401	4,968	433	8.0%
Taos	10,954	7,730	3,224	29.4%	10,752	8,280	2,472	23.0%	10,870	8,679	2,191	20.2%
Torrance	3,070	2,658	412	13.4%	2,998	2,592	406	13.5%	3,038	2,711	327	10.8%
Union	2,029	1,831	198	9.8%	1,973	1,815	158	8.0%	2,005	1,834	171	8.5%
Valencia	13,314	11,912	1,402	10.5%	13,110	11,691	1,419	10.8%	12,774	11,458	1,316	10.3%

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

2/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Bernalillo County

3/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Dona Ana County

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The 1986 Albuquerque Small Employer Wage Survey lists entry, average, high, and low salaries for 110 different occupations at approximately 600 companies in the Albuquerque area which employ between 20 and 100 workers.

The 4th quarter 1985 UI Quarterly Review contains statistics and analysis concerning New Mexico Unemployment Insurance claims for the October-December 1985 period. Included are the number of claims, amount of UI benefits paid, and UI trust fund balances. Also detailed are the characteristics (racial/ethnic, education, and industry/occupational experience) of UI claimants during the period.

The April 1986 New Mexico Labor Market Information Directory lists numerous free reports and data tables on general economic developments, employment, unemployment, earnings, occupations, manpower planning, affirmative action data, employer, and special worker groups.

Copies of the above publications are available at no charge by writing to ER & A Bureau 6097, Employment Security Department, P.O. Box 1928, Albuquerque, NM 87103, or by calling (505) 841-8645. Please indicate if you want to be included on our mailing list for future updates of the publications.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Preliminary April labor force estimates indicated a slight worsening in New Mexico's unemployment situation, following a March showing which was also sub-par. Although the amount and rate of unemployment decreased somewhat during April, both changes were less than the springtime improvement normally seen this time of year. New Mexico's unemployment rate of 9.1 percent in April was significantly above the U.S. rate (not seasonally adjusted) of 7.5 percent. The state's jobless rate has remained above the national average since October 1984.

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased only slightly in April to reach an estimated 521,100. Construction added 1,100 jobs, indicating the start of a fairly strong spring pickup in building activity. Employment was also up solidly in lodging places and restaurants as firms geared up for what promises to be a record summer tourist season.

Unfortunately, the April estimates also reflected more layoffs in New Mexico's mining industry. Mining lost 1,100 jobs during the month, with the majority of the losses coming in the oil & gas subsector as falling oil prices continued to devastate the industry. In the last three months, the industry has lost approximately one out of every four of its jobs, and employment in oil & gas extraction is now at an eight-year low. Reduced oil prices also played a part in layoffs in the coal subsector. Kaiser Steel furloughed workers at its York Canyon mine near Raton due to users switching from coal to oil as an energy source and to reduced orders from steel manufacturers specializing in oil field equipment.

With the exception of mining, the short-term outlook for most industries in New Mexico seems to be favorable. Lower interest rates and decreased gasoline prices should contribute to a strong summer for both construction and tourism related industries.

APRIL SUMMARY

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	Apr. 1986	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	666,300	660,700	643,600	+5,600	+22,700
Employment	605,600	598,700	586,000	+6,900	+19,600
Unemployment	60,700	62,000	57,600	-1,300	+3,100
Rate	9.1%	9.4%	8.9%		

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

NEW MEXICO	PRELIM APR 1986	REVISED MAR 1986	REVISED APR 1985	APR CHANGE FROM	
				MAR 1986	APR 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	521,100	520,700	516,100	400	5,000
MINING	15,300	16,400	21,200	-1,100	-5,900
Metal Mining	2,300	2,300	3,400	0	-1,100
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying etc	3,400	3,700	4,500	-300	-1,100
Oil & Gas Extraction	9,600	10,400	13,300	-800	-3,700
CONSTRUCTION	36,100	35,000	37,000	1,100	-900
MANUFACTURING	36,600	36,700	36,500	-100	100
DURABLE GOODS	23,900	24,000	23,900	-100	0
Lumber & Wood Products	2,500	2,500	2,400	0	100
Machinery(except electric)	2,600	2,700	2,900	-100	-300
Elec & Electronic Equip	6,500	6,600	6,600	-100	-100
Transportation Equipment	4,000	4,000	3,900	0	100
Other Durable Goods	8,300	8,200	8,100	100	200
NONDURABLE GOODS	12,700	12,700	12,600	0	100
Food & Kindred Products	4,000	4,000	3,800	0	200
Textile & Apparel	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	6,300	6,300	6,400	0	-100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	28,500	28,800	30,300	-300	-1,800
TRANSPORTATION	12,700	12,700	13,000	0	-300
Railroad Transportation	2,300	2,300	2,400	0	-100
Trucking & Warehousing	5,900	5,900	6,100	0	-200
Other Transportation	4,500	4,500	4,500	0	0
COMMUNICATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15,800	16,100	17,300	-300	-1,500
Communication	6,800	7,000	7,500	-200	-700
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	9,000	9,100	9,800	-100	-800
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	125,600	125,000	118,100	600	7,500
WHOLESALE TRADE	22,900	22,900	22,800	0	100
Durable Goods	13,600	13,600	13,600	0	0
Nondurable Goods	9,300	9,300	9,200	0	100
RETAIL TRADE	102,700	102,100	95,300	600	7,400
Bldg Material & Mobile Homes	4,700	4,700	4,600	0	100
General Merchandise Stores	12,000	12,000	9,500	0	2,500
Food Stores	15,300	15,200	13,800	100	1,500
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	13,100	13,100	12,900	0	200
Apparel & Accessories	5,600	5,600	5,100	0	500
Furniture & Furnishing	4,300	4,300	4,200	0	100
Eating & Drinking Places	36,000	35,700	34,400	300	1,600
Miscellaneous Retail	11,700	11,500	10,800	200	900
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	26,200	26,100	25,500	100	700
Banking	8,200	8,200	8,400	0	-200
Insurance Carriers	3,300	3,300	3,400	0	-100
Insur Agents, Brokers & Service	2,900	2,900	2,700	0	200
Real Estate	6,300	6,300	5,900	0	400
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	5,500	5,400	5,100	100	400
SERVICES	116,100	116,100	111,800	0	4,300
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	12,100	11,500	10,700	600	1,400
Personal Services	6,000	6,000	6,100	0	-100
Business Services	27,400	27,500	26,300	-100	1,100
Health Services	27,200	27,400	26,600	-200	600
Legal Services	4,000	3,900	3,800	100	200
Educational Services	4,000	4,100	4,100	-100	-100
Social Services	7,300	7,200	7,100	100	200
Membership Organizations	6,100	6,100	6,000	0	100
Other Services	22,000	22,400	21,100	-400	900
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	136,700	136,600	135,700	100	1,000
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	29,000	28,800	29,800	200	-800
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	107,700	107,800	105,900	-100	1,800
State Government 2/	49,400	49,600	47,700	-200	1,700
Local Government	58,300	58,200	58,200	100	100

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

2/ Includes employees of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

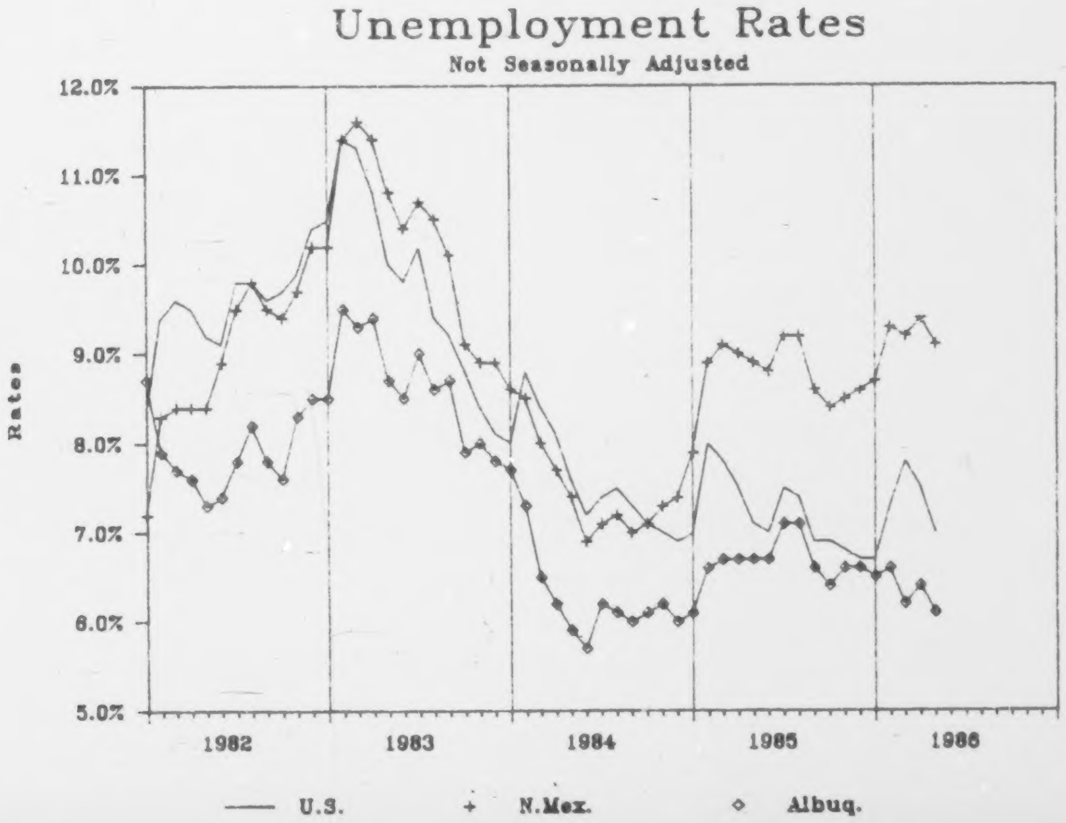
ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)

The Albuquerque area unemployment rate for April fell to 6.1 percent, from the revised March level of 6.4 percent, according to preliminary estimates. A rise of 1,400 in the number of people working combined with a decline of 500 in the number of jobless to produce the lower rate. Both of these changes reflect normal movements for this time of year.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment edged upward slightly over the month, with a gain of just 400 jobs. Three-fourths of that gain was found in the construction division, specifically among special trades contractors. Other major industrial groups adding close to 100 jobs over the month were real estate companies, eating and drinking places, and lodging places. The major loser of jobs over the month was the local government sector, with a decline of about 200 jobs. The hike in construction employment was greater than would normally be expected at this time of year. The services and finance, insurance, and real estate divisions added jobs but at a slower pace than usually occurs. The trade and government divisions actually experienced employment downturns at a time when seasonal patterns would indicate sizable additions to payrolls.

Over-the-year employment gains were concentrated in the retail trade and services industries; nearly seventy percent of the total job growth was found in these two areas. Particulary notable were advances of more than twenty percent in general merchandise stores and more than fifteen percent in lodging places. Corroborating the employment gain in the lodging places industry are statistics which show there were 1,121 new hotel/motel rooms added in the Albuquerque area during 1985, and many more are currently under construction.

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	Apr. 1986	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	252,700	251,800	241,700	+ 900	+11,000
Employment	237,200	235,800	225,400	+1,400	+11,800
Unemployment	15,500	16,000	16,300	- 500	- 800
Rate	6.1%	6.4%	6.7%		



ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

ALBUQUERQUE MSA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)	PRELIM APR 1986	REVISED MAR 1986	REVISED APR 1985	APR CHANGE FROM	
				MAR 1986	APR 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	224,800	224,400	218,000	400	6,800
MINING	300	300	200	0	100
CONSTRUCTION	18,000	17,700	17,600	300	400
MANUFACTURING	19,400	19,400	19,000	0	400
Durable Goods	13,900	13,900	13,600	0	300
Nondurable Goods	5,500	5,500	5,400	0	100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	12,200	12,200	12,100	0	100
Transportation	5,800	5,800	5,700	0	100
Communication	3,900	3,900	4,000	0	-100
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	2,500	2,500	2,400	0	100
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	57,000	57,100	54,000	-100	3,000
WHOLESALE TRADE	14,200	14,200	14,000	0	200
Durable Goods	9,500	9,500	9,400	0	100
Nondurable Goods	4,700	4,700	4,600	0	100
RETAIL TRADE	42,800	42,900	40,000	-100	2,800
General Merchandise Stores	4,600	4,600	3,800	0	800
Food Stores	4,800	4,900	4,500	-100	300
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	4,800	4,800	4,600	0	200
Eating & Drinking Places	16,000	15,900	15,300	100	700
Other Retail Trade	12,600	12,700	11,800	-100	800
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	13,500	13,400	13,200	100	300
Banking	3,200	3,200	3,200	0	0
Ins Carriers, Agents & Brokers	3,800	3,800	3,700	0	100
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	6,500	6,400	6,300	100	200
SERVICES	59,100	58,900	57,200	200	1,900
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	3,700	3,600	3,200	100	500
Personal Services	3,300	3,300	3,300	0	0
Business Services	18,900	18,900	18,300	0	600
Health Services	13,200	13,200	12,900	0	300
Social Services	2,800	2,800	2,800	0	0
Membership Organizations	1,700	1,700	1,700	0	0
Other Services	15,500	15,400	15,000	100	500
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	45,300	45,400	44,700	-100	600
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	12,800	12,700	12,700	100	100
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	32,500	32,700	32,000	-200	500
State Government	13,600	13,600	13,100	0	500
Local Government	18,900	19,100	18,900	-200	0

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	PRELIM	REVISED	REVISED	APR CHANGE FROM	
LAS CRUCES MSA (DONA ANA COUNTY) 1/	APR	MAR	APR	MAR	APR
	1986	1986	1985	1986	1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	38,800	38,500	36,900	300	1,900
MINING 3/	0	0	0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2,800	2,700	2,600	100	200
MANUFACTURING	3,000	2,950	3,150	50	-150
Durable Goods	1,300	1,250	1,250	50	50
Nondurable Goods	1,700	1,700	1,900	0	-200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0
Transportation	600	600	600	0	0
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	800	800	800	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	8,050	7,950	7,250	100	800
WHOLESALE TRADE	800	800	800	0	0
RETAIL TRADE	7,250	7,150	6,450	100	800
General Merchandise Stores	900	900	700	0	200
Food Stores	1,000	1,000	950	0	50
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	850	850	850	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3,100	3,000	2,600	100	500
Other Retail Trade	1,400	1,400	1,350	0	50
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	1,650	1,650	1,500	0	150
SERVICES	5,700	5,650	5,200	50	500
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	650	600	550	50	100
Business Services	900	900	850	0	50
Health Services	1,400	1,400	1,200	0	200
Social Services	350	350	300	0	50
Other Services	2,400	2,400	2,300	0	100
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	16,200	16,200	15,800	0	400
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	4,600	4,700	4,600	-100	0
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	11,600	11,500	11,200	100	400
State Government	6,500	6,400	6,200	100	300
Local Government	5,100	5,100	5,000	0	100

	PRELIM	REVISED	REVISED	APR CHANGE FROM	
SANTA FE MSA	APR	MAR	APR	MAR	APR
(SANTA FE & LOS ALAMOS COUNTIES) 1/	1986	1986	1985	1986	1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	50,600	50,400	49,150	200	1,450
MINING	150	150	150	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	3,300	3,200	3,400	100	-100
MANUFACTURING	1,600	1,600	1,450	0	150
Durable Goods	900	900	850	0	50
Nondurable Goods	700	700	600	0	100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,150	1,150	1,150	0	0
Transportation	400	400	350	0	50
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	750	750	800	0	-50
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	9,650	9,650	8,800	0	850
WHOLESALE TRADE	700	700	650	0	50
RETAIL TRADE	8,950	8,950	8,150	0	800
General Merchandise Stores	950	950	600	0	350
Food Stores	1,150	1,200	1,200	-50	-50
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	900	900	850	0	50
Eating & Drinking Places	3,400	3,400	3,300	0	100
Other Retail Trade	2,550	2,500	2,200	50	350
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	2,000	2,000	1,900	0	100
SERVICES	12,450	12,150	12,100	300	350
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	1,800	1,400	1,650	400	150
Business Services	2,900	2,900	2,800	0	100
Health Services	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0
Social Services	550	550	550	0	0
Other Services	4,600	4,700	4,500	-100	100
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	20,300	20,500	20,200	-200	100
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	1,400	1,400	1,600	0	-200
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	18,900	19,100	18,600	-200	300
State Government 4/	15,200	15,400	14,800	-200	400
Local Government	3,700	3,700	3,800	0	-100

1/ In accordance with the CES Manual, those published cells with less than 2,000 employees are rounded to nearest 50. Those published cells with more than 2,000 employees are rounded to 100.

2/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

3/ The employment for the Las Cruces MSA is rounded to fifty. Because employment in this industry is below 25 it appears as zero.

4/ Includes employees of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS

Hours and Earnings of Production, Construction and Nonsupervisory Employees
(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
NEW MEXICO	APR 1986	MAR 1986	APR 1985	APR 1986	MAR 1986	APR 1985	APR 1986	MAR 1986	APR 1985
MINING	$497.90	$492.66	$509.12	41.7	39.1	43.0	11.94	12.60	11.84
CONSTRUCTION	$398.33	$396.27	$380.54	37.9	35.7	35.9	10.51	11.10	10.60
MANUFACTURING	$344.86	$349.44	$328.45	40.1	39.8	40.4	8.60	8.78	8.13
Durable Goods	$359.86	$350.95	$341.55	40.8	39.7	41.5	8.82	8.84	8.23
Nondurable Goods	$311.89	$346.87	$300.23	38.6	40.1	38.1	8.08	8.65	7.88
COMMUNICATION & UTILITIES	$454.98	$504.61	$457.97	41.1	42.8	41.9	11.07	11.79	10.93
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	$210.93	$214.88	$222.06	32.5	31.6	32.8	6.49	6.80	6.77
Wholesale Trade	$334.32	$379.36	$389.34	39.8	40.4	41.2	8.40	9.39	9.45
Retail Trade	$186.31	$182.39	$186.31	31.0	29.9	31.0	6.01	6.10	6.01
BANKING	$220.02	$235.07	$210.65	38.0	40.6	38.3	5.79	5.79	5.50
ALBUQUERQUE MSA	U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics has been forced to cancel funds for this series due to reductions caused by the Gramm - Rudman - Hollings Balanced Budget Act.								
MANUFACTURING									
Durable Goods									
Nondurable Goods									

NOTE: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part time work, overtime work etc.

Additional Information on State Government Employment

Number of Classified State Govt. Workers

April 1986	15,235
March 1986	15,278
April 1985	15,107

These figures include classified employees working for classified agencies of the executive branch of state government. This information is furnished by the New Mexico State Personnel Office.

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April 1986

CPI-U - 325.3
CPI-W - 320.4

(Base Year 1967 = 100)

CPI-U - All Urban Consumers
CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

AREA ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

STATEWIDE: Reports from National and State Parks, State Highway Visitor Centers, and other tourism-related sources indicate the tourism season is off to an early start and that 1986 should be a record year. One State official predicts tourism will pump more than $2 billion into New Mexico's economy this year. The oil industry is continuing to falter, resulting in a revenue shortfall for the State treasury. As a result, public school districts across the state are preparing to trim their budgets for next year by about two percent. The cuts will be accomplished in administrative areas if possible and by teaching staff reductions if necessary.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA: The Albuquerque Public Schools' proposed reorganization will eliminate 31 administrative jobs but add five new positions. Between now and September, about $4.2 million of construction and renovation work will be accomplished at the State Fairgrounds. Construction work is in progress on a new Smith's supermarket in Fair Plaza shopping center. Road construction will soon begin at the $300 million "High Resort" development at Rio Rancho. The development will eventually include a 500-room hotel, a regional shopping center, and 4,000 residences. Construction of homes and a golf course addition should begin later this year. Materials, Inc., a pre-cast concrete company, has begun operating at its new Rio Rancho facility with a staff of sixteen employees. A new Safeway store has opened in Rio Rancho's Southern Plaza shopping center. A new $17.5 million, 231-suite Radisson Suite Hotel has been announced, with construction expected to commence next fall adjacent to American Square. The hotel/restaurant complex will employ about 250 people. Construction has begun on the first group of an eventual 124-home development on Academy Boulevard near Tramway Boulevard.

CARLSBAD / ARTESIA AREA: The International Minerals and Chemical Corp. (IMC) potash mine will close for three weeks beginning June 8 for maintenance and employee vacations. IMC employs almost 600 workers. Employment at the Waste Isolation Pilot Project (WIPP) currently stands at about 600. The WIPP work force can be expected to gradually decrease through the remainder of this year as construction work is completed on the project.

CLOVIS / PORTALES AREA: Frozfruit is currently employing approximately 130 persons at the firm's new manufacturing plant in Clovis. When in full production, the Clovis plant is expected to employ approximately 300 workers during the peak production season of April through August of each year. A new Super 8 Motel is scheduled to be built in Clovis, with the opening date for the facility targeted for late summer. Cummins Gas Engines has completed most of their renovation work at the old Levi Strauss plant in Clovis, and company officials anticipate moving into the facility in early June.

ESPANOLA AREA: Work on Chama's $1.5 million sewage treatment plant has resumed; the work is being performed by Avery Structures of Buena Vista, Colorado. Construction work is also underway on the new hydroelectric power plant project at El Vado Dam; completion is expected by June 1987. Construction has begun on a $250,000 water line along Fairview Lane in Espanola; this project should take about ninety days to complete.

FARMINGTON AREA: Construction of a $2.5 million, 36-unit resort facility at Navajo Lake State Park has been proposed; but some local opposition was voiced at a public hearing. A bid for $118,610 worth of miscellaneous site improvements at Farmington's Swinburne Elementary School was awarded to Asphalt Paving Company. Amoco Production Company announced nationwide staff cuts of 15 percent, but company officials did not know how many jobs would be lost in the Farmington area; meanwhile, construction continues on the company's Farmington office building.

GALLUP / GRANTS AREA: A new Wal-Mart store will soon open in Gallup and is expected to employ from 150 to 200 people. The Navajo Tribe will be allowed to keep Federal money for 250 new homes, which the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development had recently threatened to take away. Chevron Resources plans to continue uranium mining at their property near Grants during the remainder of 1986 and expects to produce 600 tons of ore per day.

HOBBS / LOVINGTON AREA: Amoco Production Co. is planning to locate a new carbon dioxide recovery plant near Denver City, TX, which should create approximately 200 to 250 construction jobs during its construction phase. The new plant will be under construction for about one year, and the facility will employ about 30 full-time workers during operation. An undisclosed firm is negotiating to purchase the closed Southern Union Co. gasoline refinery near Lovington. Officials indicate that if negotiations are consummated, the new owner will reopen the refinery, resulting in the hiring of approximately 100 workers. A building permit in the amount of $650,000 was issued to Mall Caddo Peak Investments for construction of a shopping center in Hobbs. Oil well drilling activity continues well below normal, with the rotary drilling rig count for the Permian Basin at 117, compared with 287 rigs operating one year ago. Valley Construction Co. of Las Cruces was awarded a $1 million contract for construction of the new Lea County National Guard Armory.

LAS CRUCES AREA: MicroSwitch, which has electronic manufacturing operations in both Las Cruces and Juarez, plans to change division headquarters from Freeport, Il. to the Las Cruces-El Paso-Juarez area. The company will expand warehouse facilities in both Las Cruces and Juarez, which should mean additional employment by the firm. The Santa Teresa Airport and surrounding land extending seven miles south to the U.S.- Mexico border have been declared an international port of entry by the U.S. Customs Service. For now, international travel is limited to air traffic; however, Mexican and U.S. business groups are working toward establishing highway border crossing facilities at the site.

LAS VEGAS AREA: The La Plaza Vieja Partnership is about to commence restoration and redevelopment work on 18 historic buildings in the Old Town district of Las Vegas. The project is expected to create about twenty jobs. D. M. Premier, which handles food service for New Mexico Highlands University, has laid off about twenty employees for the summer months.

LOS ALAMOS AREA: Notwithstanding their zero growth policy, officials of Los Alamos National Laboratory expect to have about 300 job openings during the next year as a result of normal work force attrition and turnover. A 110-unit residential development is planned for the North Mesa area; homes will be in the $80,000-$90,000 price range.

RATON / CLAYTON AREA: More than 200 laid-off workers have been recalled to the Kaiser Coal Company York Canyon mine; 132 miners remain on layoff status. A new seafood restaurant, Captain's Quarters, and a new hairstyling shop, A Cut Above, recently opened in Raton; but Raton's Hobo Joe's restaurant recently closed, resulting in the loss of fifteen jobs. A new restaurant business is expected to take over the facility in the near future.

SANTA FE AREA: Santa Fe's prospects for the summer tourism season were boosted when the city hosted ABC's "Good Morning America" program in early May. The Santa Fe City Council has approved Hospital Corporation of America's plan to build an Alzheimer's Disease treatment/research center.

SILVER CITY AREA: Gila Regional Medical Center officials have announced the layoff of approximately 20 hospital staff members. Chino Mines Co. officials have stated that if current contract talks with Chino unions result in a strike on July 1, the company will continue to operate its copper mine and mill using replacement workers.

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NEW MEXICO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/

	PRELIMINARY APRIL 1986				REVISED MARCH 1986				REVISED APRIL 1985			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	666,305	605,558	60,747	9.1%	660,612	598,662	61,950	9.4%	643,594	586,016	57,578	8.9%
ALBUQUERQUE MSA 2/	252,691	237,199	15,492	6.1%	251,755	235,761	15,994	6.4%	241,654	225,383	16,271	6.7%
LAS CRUCES MSA 3/	53,725	49,910	3,815	7.1%	52,684	48,612	4,072	7.7%	49,454	45,183	4,271	8.6%
SANTA FE MSA 4/	62,108	58,844	3,264	5.3%	61,046	57,510	3,536	5.8%	57,752	54,662	3,090	5.4%
Catron	1,031	850	181	17.6%	994	758	236	23.7%	980	767	213	21.7%
Chaves	23,213	21,107	2,106	9.1%	23,063	20,725	2,338	10.1%	22,947	21,167	1,780	7.8%
Cibola	8,657	7,028	1,629	18.8%	8,654	6,893	1,761	20.3%	9,118	6,787	2,331	25.6%
Colfax	6,947	5,485	1,462	21.0%	6,670	5,775	895	13.4%	6,606	5,785	821	12.4%
Curry	16,841	15,769	1,072	6.4%	16,549	15,338	1,211	7.3%	16,189	14,935	1,254	7.7%
De Baca	914	807	107	11.7%	917	776	141	15.4%	915	803	112	12.2%
Eddy	22,375	19,344	3,031	13.5%	22,290	19,223	3,067	13.8%	21,849	19,501	2,348	10.7%
Grant	9,868	8,734	1,134	11.5%	9,918	8,683	1,235	12.5%	10,069	8,564	1,505	14.9%
Guadalupe	1,630	1,417	213	13.1%	1,644	1,361	283	17.2%	1,540	1,314	226	14.7%
Harding	471	417	54	11.5%	451	392	59	13.1%	484	432	52	10.7%
Hidalgo	2,397	2,248	149	6.2%	2,373	2,210	163	6.9%	2,442	2,264	178	7.3%
Lea	25,257	22,319	2,938	11.6%	25,260	22,896	2,364	9.4%	26,438	24,894	1,544	5.8%
Lincoln	7,317	6,788	529	7.2%	7,224	6,645	579	8.0%	6,902	6,471	431	6.2%
Luna	5,457	4,628	829	15.2%	5,391	4,525	866	16.1%	5,335	4,427	908	17.0%
McKinley	17,177	15,140	2,037	11.9%	17,241	14,989	2,252	13.1%	16,855	14,733	2,122	12.6%
Mora	1,481	950	531	35.9%	1,522	951	571	37.5%	1,444	1,030	414	28.7%
Otero	17,439	16,061	1,378	7.9%	17,277	15,777	1,500	8.7%	16,818	15,454	1,364	8.1%
Quay	4,574	4,140	434	9.5%	4,342	3,928	414	9.5%	4,471	4,042	429	9.6%
Rio Arriba	13,347	10,340	3,007	22.5%	13,080	9,994	3,086	23.6%	15,025	12,211	2,814	18.7%
Roosevelt	7,504	7,124	380	5.1%	7,312	6,911	401	5.5%	7,167	6,817	350	4.9%
Sandoval	21,488	19,768	1,720	8.0%	20,788	18,858	1,930	9.3%	20,398	18,663	1,735	8.5%
San Juan	34,510	28,710	5,800	16.8%	34,430	28,862	5,568	16.2%	34,692	29,896	4,796	13.8%
San Miguel	10,377	9,003	1,374	13.2%	10,134	8,683	1,451	14.3%	10,010	8,615	1,395	13.9%
Sierra	2,311	2,136	175	7.6%	2,347	2,160	187	8.0%	2,155	1,966	189	8.8%
Socorro	5,797	5,250	547	9.4%	5,696	5,170	526	9.2%	5,368	4,983	385	7.2%
Taos	10,473	7,024	3,449	32.9%	10,960	7,736	3,224	29.4%	10,644	8,223	2,421	22.7%
Torrance	3,065	2,677	388	12.7%	3,082	2,660	422	13.7%	3,027	2,733	294	9.7%
Union	2,057	1,880	177	8.6%	2,036	1,832	204	10.0%	2,045	1,867	178	8.7%
Valencia	13,806	12,461	1,345	9.7%	13,482	12,068	1,414	10.5%	12,801	11,444	1,357	10.6%

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

2/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Bernalillo County

3/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Dona Ana County

4/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Santa Fe and Los Alamos Counties

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SOCORRO / BELEN AREA: New Mexico Tech Regents recently approved three contracts for the New Mexico Tech campus in Socorro. A $5.6 million contract for a new mineral sciences and engineering building was awarded to Midcon of New Mexico; R. L. Stacy Construction has a $400,000 contract for campus paving; and Universal Communications Systems, Inc. was awarded a $461,000 contract for a new digital phone system.

T or C AREA: Western Lake Corporation, a group of eastern investors, has purchased the Elephant Butte Resort Golf Course and surrounding land, and the firm's future plans call for course expansion and the building of tennis courts and club house facilities. Long range plans include the building of condominiums and other residential developments.

TAOS / ANGEL FIRE AREA: The February Molycorp layoff is beginning to affect the wider area economy. General business in Questa is reported to be off about 50 percent. Some Taos retailers have either reduced their work forces or cut employees' hours in response to lower demand by their customers. The Farm, a fresh produce store, and the Taos Lanes bowling establishment recently closed down. It now appears that Angel Fire's financially-troubled Plaza Hotel will not reopen until mid-summer. Red River is expecting a slower construction year because many of its traditional visitors and investors are being adversely affected by the depressed oil business. Carson National Forest has recalled about 20 seasonal workers and expects to hire about 20 more during the next month or so.

TUCUMCARI AREA: Several new businesses in the retail trade and services sectors have recently opened in Logan. Tourism-related businesses in Tucumcari are beginning to see more activity. The construction industry is being helped by highway work, a new building at Tucumcari Area Vocational School, a new motel, and some new residential construction.

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HIGHLIGHTS

New Mexico's unemployment rate dipped slightly from 9.1 to 9.0 percent in May according to preliminary estimates based in part on the U.S. Department of Labor's Current Population Survey. The number of jobless fell by 400 to total 60,600, while employment expanded by 7,800 during the month. The U.S. unemployment rate in May was 7.0 percent, unchanged from the rate in April.

As measured by a monthly payroll survey of employers, wage and salary employment in New Mexico expanded by 1,500 during May, largely as a result of increased seasonal activity in the construction, retail trade, and service-related industries. Job losses were recorded in state government and in mining. The mining losses occurred largely in oil and gas extraction which fell by 600, the fifth consecutive monthly job loss for this industry. New Mexico's petroleum industry has lost 4,600 jobs or 34 percent of its employment since January of this year when oil prices began declining precipitously. In state government, employment declines normally occur this time of year as the state's colleges and universities reduce payrolls with the end of the spring semester. Much of these temporary reductions consist of jobs held by part-time student workers.

While unemployment declined moderately in most areas in New Mexico in May, Lea County experienced another sharp rise in joblessness due to the problems in the oil industry. Lea County's unemployment rate in May was 13.8 percent, up from an already high April rate of 11.7 percent. The number of unemployed in Lea County has increased by 2,000 over the last four months, more than doubling the area's unemployment rate.

MAY SUMMARY

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	May 1986	Apr. 1986	May 1985	Apr. 1986	May 1985
Civilian Labor Force	674,100	666,700	646,000	+7,400	+28,100
Employment	613,500	605,700	588,900	+7,800	+24,600
Unemployment	60,600	61,000	57,100	- 400	+3,500
Rate	9.0%	9.1%	8.8%		

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

NEW MEXICO	PRELIM MAY 1986	REVISED APR 1986	REVISED MAY 1985	MAY CHANGE FROM APR 1986	MAY CHANGE FROM MAY 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	522,900	521,400	519,300	1,500	3,600
MINING	14,700	15,300	20,700	-600	-6,000
Metal Mining	2,200	2,300	3,200	-100	-1,000
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying etc	3,600	3,400	4,200	200	-600
Oil & Gas Extraction	8,900	9,600	13,300	-700	-4,400
CONSTRUCTION	37,300	36,100	38,200	1,200	-900
MANUFACTURING	37,100	36,600	36,900	500	200
DURABLE GOODS	24,200	23,800	24,200	400	0
Lumber & Wood Products	2,700	2,500	2,500	200	200
Machinery(except electric)	2,600	2,600	2,900	0	-300
Elec & Electronic Equip	6,500	6,500	6,600	0	-100
Transportation Equipment	4,100	4,000	4,000	100	100
Other Durable Goods	8,300	8,200	8,200	100	100
NONDURABLE GOODS	12,900	12,800	12,700	100	200
Food & Kindred Products	4,200	4,100	3,900	100	300
Textile & Apparel	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	6,300	6,300	6,400	0	-100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	28,600	28,700	30,300	-100	-1,700
TRANSPORTATION	12,800	12,900	13,100	-100	-300
Railroad Transportation	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0
Trucking & Warehousing	5,900	6,000	6,200	-100	-300
Other Transportation	4,500	4,500	4,500	0	0
COMMUNICATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15,800	15,800	17,200	0	-1,400
Communication	6,800	6,800	7,400	0	-600
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	9,000	9,000	9,800	0	-800
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	127,400	125,700	120,800	1,700	6,600
WHOLESALE TRADE	22,900	22,900	22,900	0	0
Durable Goods	13,700	13,600	13,700	100	0
Nondurable Goods	9,200	9,300	9,200	-100	0
RETAIL TRADE	104,500	102,800	97,900	1,700	6,600
Bldg Material & Mobile Homes	4,900	4,800	4,900	100	0
General Merchandise Stores	12,300	12,100	9,900	200	2,400
Food Stores	15,500	15,300	14,200	200	1,300
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	13,100	13,100	13,100	0	0
Apparel & Accessories	5,600	5,600	5,100	0	500
Furniture & Furnishing	4,300	4,300	4,300	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	37,000	36,000	35,300	1,000	1,700
Miscellaneous Retail	11,800	11,600	11,100	200	700
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	26,200	26,100	25,700	100	500
Banking	8,200	8,200	8,300	0	-100
Insurance Carriers	3,300	3,300	3,400	0	-100
Insur Agents, Brokers & Service	2,800	2,900	2,700	-100	100
Real Estate	6,400	6,300	6,100	100	300
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	5,500	5,400	5,200	100	300
SERVICES	116,500	116,100	112,800	400	3,700
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	12,200	12,000	11,000	200	1,200
Personal Services	5,800	6,000	5,900	-200	-100
Business Services	27,500	27,500	26,300	0	1,200
Health Services	27,400	27,300	27,000	100	400
Legal Services	4,000	4,000	3,800	0	200
Educational Services	4,000	4,000	4,100	0	-100
Social Services	7,300	7,300	7,200	0	100
Membership Organizations	6,200	6,000	6,000	200	200
Other Services	22,100	22,000	21,500	100	600
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	135,100	136,800	133,900	-1,700	1,200
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	29,400	29,000	30,100	400	-700
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	105,700	107,800	103,800	-2,100	1,900
State Government 2/	47,600	49,600	46,000	-2,000	1,600
Local Government	58,100	58,200	57,800	-100	300

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

2/ Includes employees of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

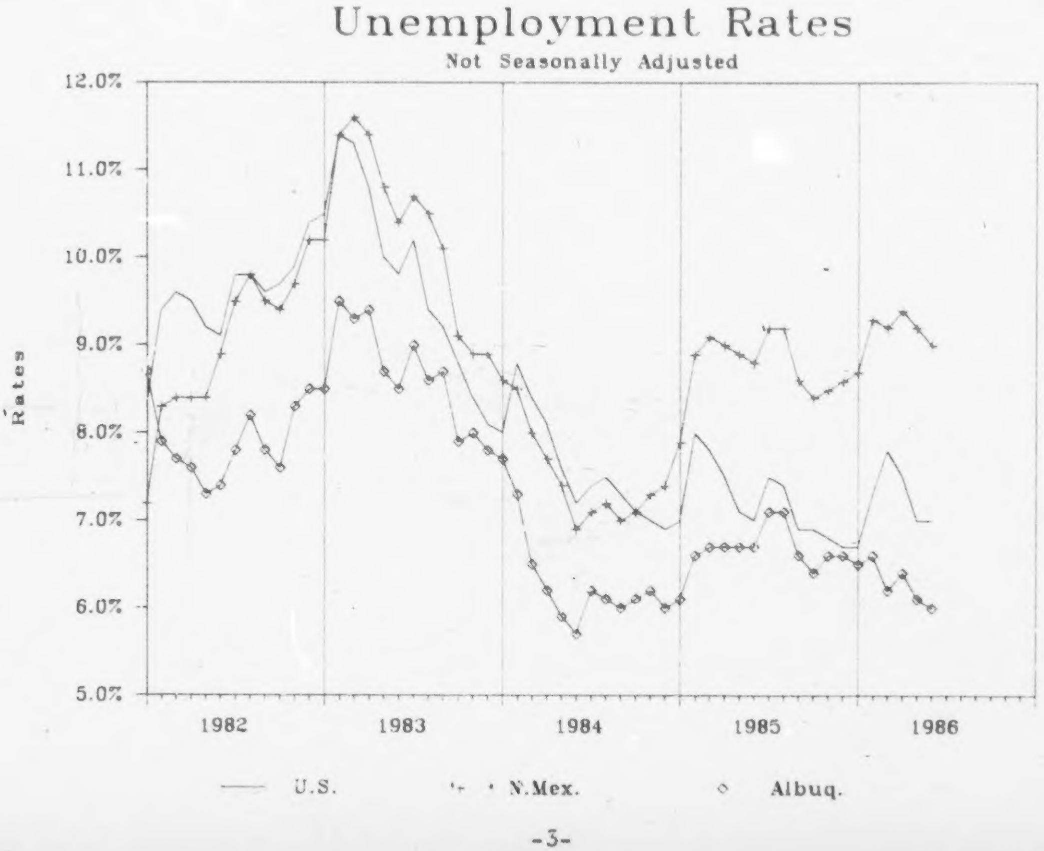
ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)

Preliminary labor force estimates show that there was very little change in the Albuquerque area unemployment situation between April and May 1986. A small drop in the number of people unemployed together with a small rise in the number of people working produced a one-tenth percentage point decline in the unemployment rate. The slight dip in unemployment was very close to the normal seasonal movement for this time of year, while the employment gain ran counter to the seasonal expectation of a small decline in the number of jobholders.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment exhibited a decrease of 500 jobs over the month. A large number of jobs were lost in the other services category as Albuquerque's spring horse racing season terminated and in the personal services category as the income tax preparation season came to an end. The large decline in the State government sector is largely attributable to normal end-of-semester job losses at the university. Partially offsetting these reductions were close-to-normal seasonal gains in the construction and retail trade divisions. Within the manufacturing division a variety of industries and employers experienced either minor increases or minor decreases in payrolls, resulting in virtually no net change for the division as a whole.

Over the past twelve months, 5,100 nonagricultural wage and salary jobs have been added to the Albuquerque area economy. Nearly three-fourths of the advance since May 1985 is concentrated in the trade and services divisions, which means the remaining twenty-five percent of job growth is spread very thinly among all other industrial divisions. Nonfarm payroll estimates so far in 1986 point to a continuation of the slow growth pattern which began to develop following robust job increases in 1984.

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	May 1986	Apr. 1986	May 1985	Apr. 1986	May 1985
Civilian Labor Force	253,200	252,700	241,400	+ 500	+11,800
Employment	237,900	237,200	225,300	+ 700	+12,600
Unemployment	15,300	15,500	16,100	- 200	- 800
Rate	6.0%	6.1%	6.7%		



ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

ALBUQUERQUE MSA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)	PRELIM MAY 1986	REVISED APR 1986	REVISED MAY 1985	MAY CHANGE FROM APR 1986	MAY CHANGE FROM MAY 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	224,300	224,800	219,200	-500	5,100
MINING	300	300	300	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	18,300	17,900	18,100	400	200
MANUFACTURING	19,300	19,400	19,100	-100	200
Durable Goods	13,800	13,900	13,600	-100	200
Nondurable Goods	5,500	5,500	5,500	0	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	12,000	12,200	12,100	-200	-100
Transportation	5,800	5,800	5,700	0	100
Communication	3,800	3,900	3,900	-100	-100
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	2,400	2,500	2,500	-100	-100
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	57,600	57,000	55,000	600	2,600
WHOLESALE TRADE	14,200	14,200	14,200	0	0
Durable Goods	9,500	9,500	9,500	0	0
Nondurable Goods	4,700	4,700	4,700	0	0
RETAIL TRADE	43,400	42,800	40,800	600	2,600
General Merchandise Stores	4,600	4,600	3,900	0	700
Food Stores	4,900	4,800	4,600	100	300
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	4,800	4,800	4,700	0	100
Eating & Drinking Places	16,300	15,900	15,600	400	700
Other Retail Trade	12,800	12,700	12,000	100	800
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	13,600	13,500	13,300	100	300
Banking	3,300	3,200	3,200	100	100
Ins Carriers, Agents & Brokers	3,800	3,800	3,700	0	100
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	6,500	6,500	6,400	0	100
SERVICES	58,800	59,100	57,400	-300	1,400
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	3,600	3,600	3,300	0	300
Personal Services	3,100	3,300	3,100	-200	0
Business Services	19,000	18,900	18,700	100	300
Health Services	13,200	13,200	12,900	0	300
Social Services	2,900	2,900	2,800	0	100
Membership Organizations	1,800	1,700	1,700	100	100
Other Services	15,200	15,500	14,900	-300	300
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	44,400	45,400	43,900	-1,000	500
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	12,700	12,800	12,700	-100	0
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	31,700	32,600	31,200	-900	500
State Government	12,700	13,600	12,300	-900	400
Local Government	19,000	19,000	18,900	0	100

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

LAS CRUCES MSA (DONA ANA COUNTY) 1/	PRELIM MAY 1986	REVISED APR 1986	REVISED MAY 1985	MAY CHANGE FROM APR 1986	MAY 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	39,100	38,900	36,500	200	2,600
MINING 3/	0	0	0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2,900	2,800	2,700	100	200
MANUFACTURING	3,050	3,000	3,050	50	0
Durable Goods	1,350	1,300	1,250	50	100
Nondurable Goods	1,700	1,700	1,800	0	-100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0
Transportation	600	600	600	0	0
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	800	800	800	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	8,050	8,050	7,300	0	750
WHOLESALE TRADE	800	800	800	0	0
RETAIL TRADE	7,250	7,250	6,500	0	750
General Merchandise Stores	900	900	700	0	200
Food Stores	1,050	1,000	950	50	100
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	800	850	850	-50	-50
Eating & Drinking Places	3,100	3,100	2,600	0	500
Other Retail Trade	1,400	1,400	1,400	0	0
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	1,700	1,650	1,550	50	150
SERVICES	5,500	5,700	5,000	-200	500
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	650	650	600	0	50
Business Services	950	900	850	50	100
Health Services	1,450	1,400	1,250	50	200
Social Services	350	350	300	0	50
Other Services	2,100	2,400	2,000	-300	100
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	16,500	16,300	15,500	200	1,000
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	4,600	4,600	4,500	0	100
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	11,900	11,700	11,000	200	900
State Government	6,800	6,600	6,000	200	800
Local Government	5,100	5,100	5,000	0	100

SANTA FE MSA (SANTA FE & LOS ALAMOS COUNTIES) 1/	PRELIM MAY 1986	REVISED APR 1986	REVISED MAY 1985	MAY CHANGE FROM APR 1986	MAY 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	51,450	50,350	50,100	1,100	1,350
MINING	150	150	150	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	3,400	3,200	3,500	200	-100
MANUFACTURING	1,600	1,500	1,500	100	100
Durable Goods	900	900	900	0	0
Nondurable Goods	700	600	600	100	100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,150	1,150	1,100	0	50
Transportation	400	400	350	0	50
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	750	750	750	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	9,850	9,600	9,050	250	800
WHOLESALE TRADE	700	700	700	0	0
RETAIL TRADE	9,150	8,900	8,350	250	800
General Merchandise Stores	950	950	600	0	350
Food Stores	1,200	1,150	1,200	50	0
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	850	900	850	-50	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3,600	3,400	3,400	200	200
Other Retail Trade	2,550	2,500	2,300	50	250
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	2,000	2,050	1,950	-50	50
SERVICES	13,100	12,400	12,850	700	250
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	1,950	1,750	1,750	200	200
Business Services	2,900	2,900	2,900	0	0
Health Services	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0
Social Services	550	550	600	0	-50
Other Services	5,100	4,600	5,000	500	100
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	20,200	20,300	20,000	-100	200
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	1,400	1,400	1,600	0	-200
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	18,800	18,900	18,400	-100	400
State Government 4/	15,100	15,200	14,900	-100	200
Local Government	3,700	3,700	3,500	0	200

1/ In accordance with the CES Manual, those published cells with less than 2,000 employees are rounded to nearest 50. Those published cells with more than 2,000 employees are rounded to 100.

2/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

3/ The employment for the Las Cruces MSA is rounded to fifty. Because employment in this industry is below 25 it appears as zero.

4/ Includes employees of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS

Hours and Earnings of Production, Construction and Nonsupervisory Employees
(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
NEW MEXICO	MAY 1986	APR 1986	MAY 1985	MAY 1986	APR 1986	MAY 1985	MAY 1986	APR 1986	MAY 1985
MINING	$476.40	$510.02	$501.19	40.0	40.9	42.8	11.91	12.47	11.71
CONSTRUCTION	$406.03	$409.88	$387.19	37.7	37.5	36.7	10.77	10.93	10.55
MANUFACTURING	$337.50	$344.27	$334.03	39.8	39.8	40.1	8.48	8.65	8.33
Durable Goods	$339.89	$354.08	$346.39	39.8	40.1	40.8	8.54	8.83	8.49
Nondurable Goods	$329.47	$323.44	$306.08	39.6	39.3	38.5	8.32	8.23	7.95
COMMUNICATION & UTILITIES	$470.68	$463.56	$462.76	42.1	41.5	42.3	11.18	11.17	10.94
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	$214.75	$215.68	$225.45	32.1	32.0	33.7	6.69	6.74	6.69
Wholesale Trade	$344.05	$366.17	$397.52	39.5	39.5	42.2	8.71	9.27	9.42
Retail Trade	$189.11	$185.75	$188.85	30.6	30.5	31.9	6.18	6.09	5.92
BANKING	$210.21	$219.84	$208.57	39.0	38.1	38.2	5.39	5.77	5.46
ALBUQUERQUE MSA	U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics has been forced to cancel funds for this series due to reductions caused by the Gramm - Rudman - Hollings Balanced Budget Act.								
MANUFACTURING									
Durable Goods									
Nondurable Goods									

NOTE: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part time work, overtime work etc.

AREA ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

ALBUQUERQUE AREA: GTE Communication Systems has announced the transfer of approximately 200 jobs to their Albuquerque plant from their El Paso plant, beginning within about a month. The jobs are skilled production level, involved in manufacturing telecommunications transmission equipment. GTE already employs about 500 workers here. Sperry Corporation's Aerospace and Marine Group has been chosen prime contractor for the Air Force's $17 million QF-106 Aerial Target Drone project; the work will be performed at the Albuquerque plant. Advanced Sciences, Inc. has been awarded a $299,335 contract to build a high-power microwave device for the Air Force. Amigo Mobility International, Inc. has announced it will move its sales, marketing, finance, and administrative offices from Albuquerque to Michigan, resulting in the loss of about thirty jobs here. Fiesta del Norte shopping center will soon open at San Mateo and Osuna; the center will have about 20 specialty retail shops and restaurants, with more to open later. Federated Electronics, anticipating 75 employees, and Cost Plus Imports, anticipating 50 employees, have signed up for space at the planned $60 million, 57-acre American Square shopping center to be located just west of the existing American Furniture store at Carlisle and Menaul. Construction of the center is scheduled to begin August 1 and take about eight months to complete the first phase. Construction has begun on the $30 million Academy Road Office and Townhouse Project on the corner of Academy Boulevard and Truchas Drive. Eventually to consist of 29 office buildings and 100 townhouses covering 31 acres, the project will take several months to complete. Construction is expected to begin soon on a restaurant-theatre complex at San Mateo and Academy. The complex will contain a six-screen theatre, a Tumbleweed steakhouse, and a

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Bennigan's restaurant. Wagon Train Communications will be moving two of its subsidiary companies, Drake-Chenault of Los Angeles and TM Communications of Dallas, to Albuquerque within about a month. About thirty new employees, skilled in music and radio production, will be hired here; and about thirty more will be transferred to Albuquerque from their former locations. Isleta Bingo Palace, a high stakes bingo parlor, will open for business sometime in August, according to Isleta Pueblo officials. The parlor will seat approximately 1,400 players and will employ from 80 to 120 workers.

CARLSBAD / ARTESIA AREA: The proposed sale of the N-Ren Corp. anhydrous ammonia plant to an Arizona firm has fallen through, according to N-Ren officials. The ammonia plant was closed in January, resulting in the layoff of 65 workers.

CLOVIS / PORTALES AREA: Construction has begun on a new Super 8 Motel in Clovis. Frozfruit is interviewing applicants for a third shift at the Clovis plant; however, company officials have not announced when hiring will take place.

ESPANOLA AREA: July 28 is the target date for the start of filming of "The Milagro Beanfield War". Much construction work, employing about 20 people, will take place before that date.

FARMINGTON AREA: Albuquerque-based American Furniture Company has purchased Palmer Plaza on Farmington's west side. Following extensive remodeling of the facility, American will open a 70,000-square-foot store, named American Home Furnishings, this fall.

GALLUP / GRANTS AREA: Construction has begun on a new outpatient facility for Cibola Medical Foundation in Gallup; the $1.4 million facility should be in operation by February 1987. Gallup's Smith's Foodway store closed at the end of May. Bagdad Plastics Company in Grants laid off six workers in mid-May; these layoffs are expected to be temporary. The Navajo Tribe will receive $2.9 million under the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program; the largest single project will be $500,000 for the Crownpoint Shopping Center.

HOBBS / LOVINGTON AREA: The Lea County area received welcome news recently when two oil companies announced plans to construct new carbon dioxide plants at nearby Denver City, TX. Amoco Production Co. is planning to start building its CO_2 recovery plant in July, and ARCO Oil and Gas Co. will construct its plant beginning in mid-October. The facilities should provide approximately 250 jobs each during the construction phase and about 30 jobs full-time when in operation. CO_2 injection, which forces oil out of petroleum bearing rock formations, began in the Wasson Field near Denver City in 1984. Recovery plants such as the two planned facilities reclaim CO_2 from gas wells for subsequent reinjection.

LAS CRUCES AREA: New Mexico State University plans to establish a research park which will hopefully attract new emerging businesses to the area. Initial plans for the park call for a 30,000-square-foot building to be constructed later this year on university land near Interstates 10 and 25. Area lettuce growers have completed their harvest; and, according to local sources, most growers received favorable prices this year. The bulk of the seasonal farm workers in the area are now involved in onion and alfalfa harvesting and thinning and weeding of chili and cotton. K-Mart officials are considering locating a second K-Mart store in Las Cruces, this one near Del Rey Boulevard and U.S. Highway 70 East.

LAS VEGAS AREA: Two local banks have established a $400,000 loan pool to help property owners in the historic district to renovate building facades. Each successful applicant may borrow up to $20,000 at a below-market interest rate, to pay for repair, renovation, painting, and cleaning of historic structures.

LOS ALAMOS AREA: The Los Alamos Small Business Center will expand into a new, 10,000-square-foot building to be built in the Eastgate Industrial Park. The expansion is necessary because new local business development is proceeding faster

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STATE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK 1/

New Mexico's economic growth over the next two years is expected to vary considerably by industrial sector. The **mining** industry will continue its weak performance of recent years due to low demand, low prices, and foreign competition. With interest rates expected to remain fairly low through 1987, construction should continue to recover and grow, although at a slower rate than that seen in 1984. Of course, factors such as the budget deficit could adversely affect interest rates and, therefore, this trend.

The **service** industries are expected to exhibit continued strong gains due primarily to job expansion in the hotel/motel, medical facilities (ie. nursing homes, treatment centers, etc.) and tourism sub-sectors. Much of the increase in tourism will be the result of lower gas prices and the fears associated with foreign travel.

The **trade** sector will continue to grow through 1987, but at a slower rate than in recent years. Much of the job expansion in trade is due to the rising spending power provided by higher per capita incomes, lower oil prices, and a low rate of inflation. New Mexicans, however, will not experience as great an increase in per capita income as the nation as a whole due to the loss of high-paying mining jobs.

Manufacturing is projected to experience stronger growth in 1987 and 1988 than recorded in 1985 due to the expected recovery of the semiconductor industry. This should result in the completion or resumption of construction of several electronics manufacturing facilities in the Albuquerque area: including, Intel's plant expansion in Rio Rancho, Monolithic Memories' new plant, and a new facility for ignetics. Manufacturing employment in 1986, however, should remain relatively flat.

Unemployment remained stable through the first half of 1985, hovering around 9 percent. From July through September, the rate declined, reaching the 8.4 percent level. Since September, the unemployment rate gradually increased to 9.4 percent in March 1986 and then declined slightly to 9.0 percent in May 1986. The jobless rate is expected to remain close to this level through the remainder of 1986 and through 1987.

1/ From the New Mexico Annual Manpower Planning Report, June 1986. Copies of this 110 page report, which includes detailed information on population, employment developments, outlook by industry and occupation, per capita income and poverty, and Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) target groups, is available from NMESD, ER & A, P.O. Box 1928, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103, or by calling (505) 841-8645.

Additional Information on State Government Employment

Number of Classified State Govt. Workers

May 1986	15,144
April 1986	15,235
May 1985	15,159

These figures include classified employees working for classified agencies of the executive branch of state government. This information is furnished by the New Mexico State Personnel Office.

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(Base Year 1967 = 100)

CPI-U - All Urban Consumers
CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

NEW MEXICO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/

	PRELIMINARY MAY 1986				REVISED APRIL 1986				REVISED MAY 1985			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	674,055	613,458	60,597	9.0%	666,727	605,719	61,008	9.2%	646,003	588,936	57,067	8.8%
ALBUQUERQUE MSA 2/	253,172	237,873	15,299	6.0%	252,611	237,150	15,461	6.1%	241,454	225,321	16,133	6.7%
LAS CRUCES MSA 3/	55,876	51,782	4,094	7.3%	54,034	50,127	3,907	7.2%	50,764	46,123	4,641	9.1%
SANTA FE MSA 4/	63,102	59,952	3,150	5.0%	62,088	58,813	3,275	5.3%	58,760	55,776	2,984	5.1%
Catron	1,089	983	106	9.7%	1,038	850	188	18.1%	1,021	905	116	11.4%
Chaves	23,361	21,269	2,092	9.0%	23,214	21,114	2,100	9.0%	23,138	21,260	1,878	8.1%
Cibola	8,855	7,239	1,616	18.2%	8,708	7,071	1,637	18.8%	8,990	6,754	2,236	24.9%
Colfax	7,137	6,067	1,070	15.0%	6,951	5,488	1,463	21.0%	6,859	6,180	679	9.9%
Curry	17,166	16,022	1,144	6.7%	16,858	15,775	1,083	6.4%	16,095	14,957	1,138	7.1%
De Baca	924	836	88	9.5%	916	808	108	11.8%	920	825	95	10.3%
Eddy	23,003	19,827	3,176	13.8%	22,399	19,352	3,047	13.6%	21,977	19,651	2,326	10.6%
Grant	9,846	8,802	1,044	10.6%	9,871	8,737	1,134	11.5%	10,403	8,954	1,449	13.9%
Guadalupe	1,657	1,455	202	12.2%	1,630	1,417	213	13.1%	1,581	1,375	206	13.0%
Harding	492	436	56	11.4%	470	417	53	11.3%	516	466	50	9.7%
Hidalgo	2,404	2,274	130	5.4%	2,396	2,249	147	6.1%	2,432	2,262	170	7.0%
Lea	25,660	22,108	3,552	13.8%	25,290	22,327	2,963	11.7%	26,594	24,916	1,678	6.3%
Lincoln	8,316	7,814	502	6.0%	7,332	6,790	542	7.4%	7,736	7,362	374	4.8%
Luna	5,561	4,741	820	14.7%	5,467	4,630	837	15.3%	5,492	4,560	932	17.0%
McKinley	17,242	15,204	2,038	11.8%	17,010	14,972	2,038	12.0%	16,932	14,829	2,103	12.4%
Mora	1,453	951	502	34.5%	1,478	950	528	35.7%	1,388	1,033	355	25.6%
Otero	17,780	16,386	1,394	7.8%	17,452	16,067	1,385	7.9%	17,213	15,821	1,392	8.1%
Quay	4,644	4,228	416	9.0%	4,567	4,141	426	9.3%	4,490	4,040	450	10.0%
Rio Arriba	13,184	10,522	2,662	20.2%	13,350	10,344	3,006	22.5%	13,785	11,337	2,448	17.8%
Roosevelt	7,124	6,728	396	5.6%	7,504	7,127	377	5.0%	6,353	5,987	366	5.8%
Sandoval	21,570	19,914	1,656	7.7%	21,517	19,775	1,742	8.1%	20,761	19,102	1,659	8.0%
San Juan	35,221	29,193	6,028	17.1%	34,599	28,721	5,878	17.0%	33,900	28,966	4,934	14.6%
San Miguel	10,413	9,093	1,320	12.7%	10,414	9,047	1,367	13.1%	10,024	8,670	1,354	13.5%
Sierra	2,395	2,217	178	7.4%	2,314	2,136	178	7.7%	2,266	2,049	217	9.6%
Socorro	5,639	5,175	464	8.2%	5,792	5,252	540	9.3%	5,458	5,065	393	7.2%
Taos	10,508	7,068	3,440	32.7%	10,506	7,027	3,479	33.1%	10,434	7,948	2,486	23.8%
Torrance	3,138	2,756	382	12.2%	3,063	2,678	385	12.6%	3,148	2,839	309	9.8%
Union	2,124	1,946	178	8.4%	2,055	1,881	174	8.5%	2,051	1,904	147	7.2%
Valencia	13,999	12,597	1,402	10.0%	13,833	12,486	1,347	9.7%	13,068	11,699	1,369	10.5%

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

2/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Bernalillo County

3/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Dona Ana County

4/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Santa Fe and Los Alamos Counties

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than existing tenants of the Center can mature and move out on their own. Logging has started on the Valles timber sale area southwest of Los Alamos, and work should continue for at least two months. Duke City Lumber Company has subcontracted the actual logging operation to Carter Logging Company of Espanola.

ROSWELL AREA: The State Industrial Development and Training Board awarded Transportation Manufacturing Company a $200,000 grant to train 160 new workers for the firm's new robotic trailer division.

SANTA FE AREA: The new Continental Inns hotel has opened on Cerrillos Road, with a work force of about 80 people. Brooks' Santa Fe Super Market will soon open at Rodeo Plaza with about 20 employees. Eberline Instruments has laid off 16 production workers because of a lag in orders; the layoff is expected to be temporary.

SILVER CITY AREA: The State Racing Commission has sent out a request for bid for a feasibility study for the proposed horse racing facility in the Silver City area. A program to retrain unemployed miners in the fields of truck driving and heavy equipment operation is being implemented by the Employment Security Department and Western New Mexico University.

TAOS AREA: U. S. Senator Pete Domenici has pledged to expedite the appropriation of federal money to pay for ninety percent of the cost of a new runway for Taos Municipal Airport. The new runway would be capable of handling jet aircraft. Holy Cross Hospital has had to lay off ten employees, and officials are considering whether further layoffs will be necessary. Loss of revenues from Molycorp's group insurance program is a major cause of the hospital's financial troubles. Taos Municipal Schools has notified seven teachers and one nurse that they will not be rehired for the fall term, because of budget restrictions.

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HIGHLIGHTS

The number of unemployed in New Mexico increased sharply in June, even more than was expected from the summertime entrance of youth into the labor force. This rise continues the gradually worsening unemployment trend in evidence since early in the year, the result of substantial layoffs in petroleum extraction and general weakness in other sectors such as manufacturing, construction, communications and utilities. The U.S. jobless rate in June was 7.3 percent (not seasonally adjusted), up from 7.0 in May.

Nonfarm payroll employment in New Mexico added 3,000 jobs in June, as seasonal expansion occurred in trade, services, and construction. Government reduced employment over the month, primarily due to summer furloughs at public schools and state-supported universities. A labor dispute in communications and summer layoffs of school bus drivers resulted in a sizeable job loss in transportation & public utilities. Mining employment saw very little change during June after five consecutive months of substantial layoffs in oil and gas extraction.

Over the last year, total nonagricultural employment in New Mexico grew by a rather meager 3,900 jobs (0.7%). Moderate growth has occurred in trade and services, with much of the gains centered in general merchandise stores, lodging places, business services, and the perennially expanding eating and drinking places. However, substantial job reductions (5,200 or 25%) have taken place in mining; and smaller reductions have occurred in construction, manufacturing, communications and utilities. Manufacturing jobs were lost in machinery, transportation equipment, and fabricated metal. In communications, the labor dispute this June accounted for approximately one-half of the over-the-year job loss. The remaining job cutbacks were scattered in various large firms in the sector. The electric, gas and sanitary services decrease of 700 since last June was principally by a natural gas producer which cut back employment in the Hobbs and Farmington areas.

JUNE SUMMARY

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	Jun. 1986	May 1986	Jun. 1985	May 1986	Jun. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	686,300	674,000	650,900	+12,300	+35,400
Employment	620,000	612,900	590,900	+7,100	+29,100
Unemployment	66,300	61,100	60,000	+5,200	+6,300
Rate	9.7%	9.1%	9.2%		

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

NEW MEXICO	PRELIM JUN 1986	REVISED MAY 1986	REVISED JUN 1985	JUN CHANGE FROM	
				MAY 1986	JUN 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	525,000	522,000	521,100	3,000	3,900
MINING	15,300	15,200	20,500	100	-5,200
Metal Mining	2,300	2,300	3,100	0	-800
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying etc	3,700	3,600	4,100	100	-400
Oil & Gas Extraction	9,300	9,300	13,300	0	-4,000
CONSTRUCTION	38,300	37,100	38,900	1,200	-600
MANUFACTURING	37,200	37,000	37,400	200	-200
DURABLE GOODS	24,200	24,100	24,600	100	-400
Lumber & Wood Products	2,700	2,600	2,600	100	100
Machinery(except electric)	2,500	2,600	2,900	-100	-400
Elec & Electronic Equip	6,600	6,500	6,600	100	0
Transportation Equipment	4,100	4,100	4,200	0	-100
Other Durable Goods	8,300	8,300	8,300	0	0
NONDURABLE GOODS	13,000	12,900	12,800	100	200
Food & Kindred Products	4,300	4,200	4,000	100	300
Textile & Apparel	2,400	2,300	2,300	100	100
Other Nondurable Goods	6,300	6,400	6,500	-100	-200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	27,300	28,600	29,200	-1,300	-1,900
TRANSPORTATION	12,000	12,800	12,200	-800	-200
Railroad Transportation	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0
Trucking & Warehousing	6,000	5,900	6,200	100	-200
Other Transportation	3,600	4,500	3,600	-900	0
COMMUNICATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15,300	15,800	17,000	-500	-1,700
Communication	6,300	6,800	7,300	-500	-1,000
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	9,000	9,000	9,700	0	-700
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	129,400	126,900	123,500	2,500	5,900
WHOLESALE TRADE	23,200	22,900	23,300	300	-100
Durable Goods	13,800	13,700	13,900	100	-100
Nondurable Goods	9,400	9,200	9,400	200	0
RETAIL TRADE	106,200	104,000	100,200	2,200	6,000
Bldg Material & Mobile Homes	5,000	4,900	4,900	100	100
General Merchandise Stores	12,500	12,200	10,900	300	1,600
Food Stores	15,400	15,500	14,600	-100	800
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	13,200	13,100	13,200	100	0
Apparel & Accessories	5,700	5,600	5,300	100	400
Furniture & Furnishing	4,400	4,300	4,400	100	0
Eating & Drinking Places	38,100	36,700	35,800	1,400	2,300
Miscellaneous Retail	11,900	11,700	11,100	200	800
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	26,500	26,200	25,900	300	600
Banking	8,300	8,200	8,400	100	-100
Insurance Carriers	3,300	3,300	3,400	0	-100
Insur Agents, Brokers & Service	2,900	2,800	2,700	100	200
Real Estate	6,500	6,400	6,200	100	300
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	5,500	5,500	5,200	0	300
SERVICES	119,300	116,200	115,900	3,100	3,400
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	13,000	12,400	11,500	600	1,500
Personal Services	5,700	5,800	5,800	-100	-100
Business Services	27,700	27,400	26,800	300	900
Health Services	27,300	27,200	27,300	100	0
Legal Services	4,200	4,000	3,900	200	300
Educational Services	3,600	4,000	3,500	-400	100
Social Services	7,300	7,200	7,300	100	0
Membership Organizations	7,500	6,100	7,500	1,400	0
Other Services	23,000	22,100	22,300	900	700
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	131,700	134,800	129,800	-3,100	1,900
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	29,900	29,300	30,200	600	-300
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	101,800	105,500	99,600	-3,700	2,200
State Government 2/	44,600	47,400	43,000	-2,800	1,600
Local Government	57,200	58,100	56,600	-900	600

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

2/ Includes employees of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

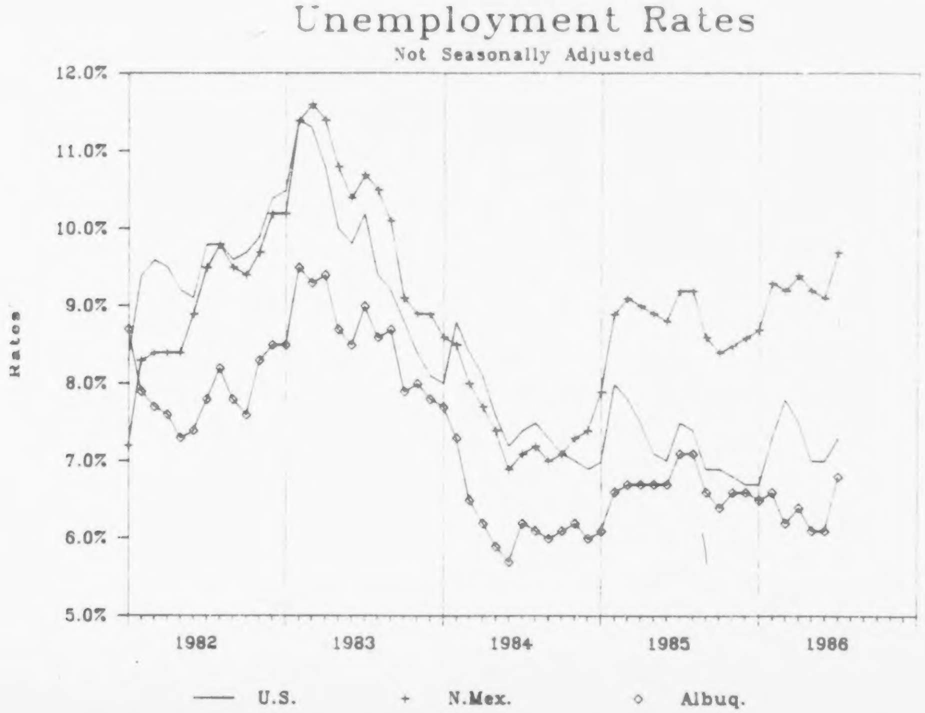
ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)

The unemployment rate for the Albuquerque area rose to 6.8 percent in June, up from May's rate of 6.1 percent, according to estimates based largely on the U.S. Department of Labor's monthly household survey. Albuquerque's labor force swelled by 5,200 persons during June, with sizeable increases in both total employment and unemployment. Much of this expansion was caused by the large number of youth seeking work during the school summer vacation.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment, derived from a survey of local employers, advanced by 500 jobs from May to June, a change which is very close to normal seasonal expectations. The most substantial job gains were found in the wholesale/retail trade division, which gained more than double the seasonally expected number of jobs. Growth was particularly strong in eating and drinking places and general merchandise stores. Typically strong job growth occurred in the services division, but construction employment increased less than half the normal amount for this time of year. June job losses normally occur in the transportation, communication, & public utilities division, because school bus contractors furlough workers for the summer months; this year, a strike in the communication sector caused a much greater than normal decline. The state government sector sustained its usual June job loss as the university reduced its payroll for the summer period.

Total nonagricultural payroll employment now stands 4,300 jobs higher than in June 1985. Job growth of five percent or greater occurred in several sectors: general merchandise stores, other services, hotels and lodging places, eating and drinking places, membership organizations, and other retail trade. Lower employment levels this year than last year are found in construction and in communication. The decline in communication jobs is mostly because of the strike in that industry, while the drop in construction employment is the continuation of a long-term trend.

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985	May 1986	June 1985
Civilian Labor Force	258,600	253,400	242,300	+5,200	+16,300
Employment	241,000	238,000	225,100	+3,000	+15,900
Unemployment	17,600	15,400	17,200	+2,200	+ 400
Rate	6.8%	6.1%	7.1%		



ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

ALBUQUERQUE MSA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)	PRELIM JUN 1986	REVISED MAY 1986	REVISED JUN 1985	JUN CHANGE FROM	
				MAY 1986	JUN 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	224,600	224,100	220,300	500	4,300
MINING	300	300	300	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	18,400	18,200	18,600	200	-200
MANUFACTURING	19,400	19,300	19,200	100	200
Durable Goods	13,800	13,800	13,700	0	100
Nondurable Goods	5,600	5,500	5,500	100	100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	11,600	12,100	11,900	-500	-300
Transportation	5,700	5,800	5,500	-100	200
Communication	3,500	3,900	3,900	-400	-400
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	2,400	2,400	2,500	0	-100
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	58,300	57,300	56,100	1,000	2,200
WHOLESALE TRADE	14,400	14,200	14,300	200	100
Durable Goods	9,600	9,500	9,600	100	0
Nondurable Goods	4,800	4,700	4,700	100	100
RETAIL TRADE	43,900	43,100	41,800	800	2,100
General Merchandise Stores	4,900	4,600	4,600	300	300
Food Stores	4,900	4,900	4,700	0	200
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	4,800	4,800	4,700	0	100
Eating & Drinking Places	16,600	16,200	15,700	400	900
Other Retail Trade	12,700	12,600	12,100	100	600
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	13,700	13,500	13,400	200	300
Banking	3,200	3,200	3,200	0	0
Ins Carriers, Agents & Brokers	3,800	3,800	3,700	0	100
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	6,700	6,500	6,500	200	200
SERVICES	59,500	58,900	57,800	600	1,700
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	3,600	3,600	3,400	0	200
Personal Services	3,000	3,100	3,100	-100	-100
Business Services	19,100	19,000	18,900	100	200
Health Services	13,300	13,200	13,000	100	300
Social Services	2,900	2,900	2,800	0	100
Membership Organizations	2,000	1,700	1,900	300	100
Other Services	15,600	15,400	14,700	200	900
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	43,400	44,500	43,000	-1,100	400
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	12,900	12,800	12,800	100	100
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	30,500	31,700	30,200	-1,200	300
State Government	11,400	12,700	11,000	-1,300	400
Local Government	19,100	19,000	19,200	100	-100

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

LAS CRUCES MSA (DONA ANA COUNTY) 1/	PRELIM JUN 1986	REVISED MAY 1986	REVISED JUN 1985	JUN CHANGE FROM MAY 1986	JUN CHANGE FROM JUN 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	38,650	39,000	35,600	-350	3,050
MINING 3/	0	0	0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	3,000	2,900	2,700	100	300
MANUFACTURING	3,150	3,050	3,200	100	-50
Durable Goods	1,350	1,350	1,300	0	50
Nondurable Goods	1,800	1,700	1,900	100	-100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,300	1,400	1,250	-100	50
Transportation	500	600	400	-100	100
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	800	800	850	0	-50
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	8,150	8,000	7,400	150	750
WHOLESALE TRADE	800	800	850	0	-50
RETAIL TRADE	7,350	7,200	6,550	150	800
General Merchandise Stores	900	900	750	0	150
Food Stores	1,000	1,000	950	0	50
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	800	800	850	0	-50
Eating & Drinking Places	3,200	3,100	2,600	100	600
Other Retail Trade	1,450	1,400	1,400	50	50
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	1,700	1,650	1,500	50	200
SERVICES	5,550	5,500	4,950	50	600
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	600	650	550	-50	50
Business Services	950	950	850	0	100
Health Services	1,450	1,450	1,250	0	200
Social Services	350	350	300	0	50
Other Services	2,200	2,100	2,000	100	200
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	15,800	16,500	14,600	-700	1,200
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	4,800	4,600	4,700	200	100
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	11,000	11,900	9,900	-900	1,100
State Government	6,000	6,800	5,000	-800	1,000
Local Government	5,000	5,100	4,900	-100	100

SANTA FE MSA (SANTA FE & LOS ALAMOS COUNTIES) 1/	PRELIM JUN 1986	REVISED MAY 1986	REVISED JUN 1985	JUN CHANGE FROM MAY 1986	JUN CHANGE FROM JUN 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	51,950	51,250	51,400	700	550
MINING	100	150	150	-50	-50
CONSTRUCTION	3,400	3,300	3,600	100	-200
MANUFACTURING	1,600	1,550	1,500	50	100
Durable Goods	900	950	900	-50	0
Nondurable Goods	700	600	600	100	100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,100	1,150	1,150	-50	-50
Transportation	400	400	350	0	50
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	700	750	800	-50	-100
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10,150	9,800	9,650	350	500
WHOLESALE TRADE	700	700	700	0	0
RETAIL TRADE	9,450	9,100	8,950	350	500
General Merchandise Stores	950	950	750	0	200
Food Stores	1,250	1,200	1,250	50	0
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	950	900	850	50	100
Eating & Drinking Places	3,700	3,500	3,600	200	100
Other Retail Trade	2,600	2,550	2,500	50	100
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	0
SERVICES	13,300	13,100	13,450	200	-150
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	2,050	1,950	1,800	100	250
Business Services	2,900	2,900	2,900	0	0
Health Services	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0
Social Services	550	550	550	0	0
Other Services	5,200	5,100	5,600	100	-400
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	20,300	20,200	19,900	100	400
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	1,500	1,400	1,600	100	-100
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	18,800	18,800	18,300	0	500
State Government 4/	15,000	15,100	14,800	-100	200
Local Government	3,800	3,700	3,500	100	300

1/ In accordance with the CES Manual, those published cells with less than 2,000 employees are rounded to nearest 50. Those published cells with more than 2,000 employees are rounded to 100.

2/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

3/ The employment for the Las Cruces MSA is rounded to fifty. Because employment in this industry is below 25 it appears as zero.

4/ Includes employees of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS
Hours and Earnings of Production, Construction and Nonsupervisory Employees
(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
NEW MEXICO	JUN 1986	MAY 1986	JUN 1985	JUN 1986	MAY 1986	JUN 1985	JUN 1986	MAY 1986	JUN 1985
MINING	$499.99	$495.85	$489.91	39.4	39.7	41.1	12.69	12.49	11.92
CONSTRUCTION	$396.03	$399.53	$370.99	36.5	37.2	35.4	10.85	10.74	10.48
MANUFACTURING	$335.12	$344.27	$344.32	39.8	39.8	40.7	8.42	8.65	8.46
Durable Goods	$348.84	$355.04	$353.42	40.8	40.3	41.0	8.55	8.81	8.62
Nondurable Goods	$304.94	$320.44	$322.39	37.6	38.7	39.9	8.11	8.28	8.08
COMMUNICATION & UTILITIES	$485.30	$494.94	$470.42	42.2	43.8	43.0	11.50	11.30	10.94
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	$218.08	$217.83	$227.43	32.5	31.8	34.2	6.71	6.85	6.65
Wholesale Trade	$347.33	$383.76	$410.89	40.2	39.4	41.8	8.64	9.74	9.83
Retail Trade	$193.13	$186.05	$188.75	31.0	30.4	32.6	6.23	6.12	5.79
BANKING	$231.15	$211.62	$219.20	40.2	38.9	40.0	5.75	5.44	5.48
ALBUQUERQUE MSA	U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics has been forced to cancel funds for this series due to reductions caused by the Gramm - Rudman - Hollings Balanced Budget Act.								
MANUFACTURING									
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Nondurable Goods									

NOTE: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part time work, overtime work etc.

AREA ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

ALBUQUERQUE AREA: Sperry Corporation has won a $13.4 million contract to develop the electronic flight control system for the C-17 airlifter transport plane. At least 80 engineers will be assigned to the project. This initial contract could potentially lead to a $100 million follow-on contract for production of the system for 210 aircraft. Bealls has opened its third Albuquerque store in the Promenade Mall; the new store employs about 35 people. Mead's Fine Bread Bakery has been closed for economic reasons, eliminating the jobs of 60 workers. Construction work has begun on Skyview Center, a $5 million shopping center at Tramway Blvd. and Indian School Road. Mesa Diagnostics, Inc., a medical diagnostic instrumentation business, has moved its operations from Los Alamos to Albuquerque. Mesa currently has 23 employees but expects to employ 50 by the end of this year. The firm plans to begin construction in 1987 of a manufacturing plant that could employ 200 workers. New restaurants recently opened in the Albuquerque area include Luby's Cafeteria at Juan Tabo and Copper, with about 90 employees, The Prairie Star near Bernalillo, with about 40 employees, City Lights Tavern and Grille on North Coors Blvd., Grandy's Restaurant near Central and Washington, and Knickerbockers on Uptown Blvd.

ALAMOGORDO / RUIDOSO AREA: Construction activity in the Ruidoso area this spring was substantially less than one year ago, according to city building permit valuation figures. A total of 31 building permits were issued in Ruidoso this May, compared with 78 issued in May 1985. Ruidoso's 1986 year-to-date building permit valuation of $6.3 million is more than two million dollars behind 1985's end-of-May total of $8.4 million.

CARLSBAD / ARTESIA AREA: Westinghouse and the U.S. Dept. of Energy are planning to award the contract within the next several weeks for a local facility to assemble the first containers for transporting transuranic waste to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant. Once assembly is in progress early next year, total employment at the facility is expected to be in the 40-60 range.

ESPANOLA AREA: A $3.8 million contract for construction of 67 turn-key housing units on the Jicarilla Apache reservation has been awarded to Bradley Construction Company. Work has already begun, and the project should employ 30 to 40 people at the peak of construction.

FARMINGTON AREA: Amoco Production Company has reduced its Farmington work force by 23 employees as part of a company-wide reduction-in-force. San Juan Regional Medical Center has laid off nine employees in anticipation of declining patient revenue.

GALLUP / GRANTS AREA: A new Wal-Mart store has opened in Gallup with about 150 employees. Carbon Coal Company has announced the indefinite layoff of about 70 workers because of lack of demand for coal by its sole customer, Arizona Electric Power Cooperative. The Arizona utility has switched from coal to fuel oil because of the currently low price of oil. The owner of the Holiday Inn of Gallup has announced plans to spend from $3.5 million to $4.0 million to add a 600-seat convention center and 46 new guest units, as well as other amenities, to the facility. Bagdad Plastics Company of Grants has rehired all workers who had been on temporary layoff status since mid-May. Construction of the new National Guard Armory, a $942,000 project, has begun in Gallup.

HOBBS / LOVINGTON AREA: A local group has applied to the state Racing Commission for a license to establish a $13.7 million horse racing facility north of Hobbs. A racing facility of that size usually directly employs several hundred workers, and significant additional employment opportunities would be provided by horse owners and trainers. Recent statistics on oil drilling in the Permian Basin continue to indicate a substantial slowdown in activity. As of the second week in July, 73 rigs were in operation, compared with 269 working rigs one year ago. Area businesses laying off workers in July included Llano, Inc. with 20 layoffs; Amoco Oil Co. with 18, and Interstate Bank, with 15.

LAS CRUCES AREA: Work is underway on a $2 million, 28,000-square-foot office-retail-warehouse project in Santa Teresa, south of Las Cruces. The project, The Business Park, is being developed by an investor group headed by El Pasoan Paul Weber. The new business park is expected to be completed by mid-September. A $2 million flour mill employing about 12 workers is expected to be in operation by April 1987 in the village of Rincon, north of Las Cruces, according to the business developers. The Dona Ana Specialty Flour Milling Co. will have the capacity of processing 15,000 tons of locally grown wheat per year.

LOS ALAMOS AREA: Pan Am World Services has offered jobs to more than ninety percent of the nearly 400 former Zia Company workers who submitted applications to them, according to Pan Am officials. Pan Am took over the Los Alamos National Laboratory support services contract from The Zia Company on July 1.

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Additional Information on State Government Employment

Number of Classified State Govt. Workers

June 1986	15,192
May 1986	15,144
June 1985	15,369

These figures include classified employees working for classified agencies of the executive branch of state government. This information is furnished by the New Mexico State Personnel Office.

U.S.CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
June 1986

CPI-U - 327.9
CPI-W - 323.0

(Base Year 1967 = 100)

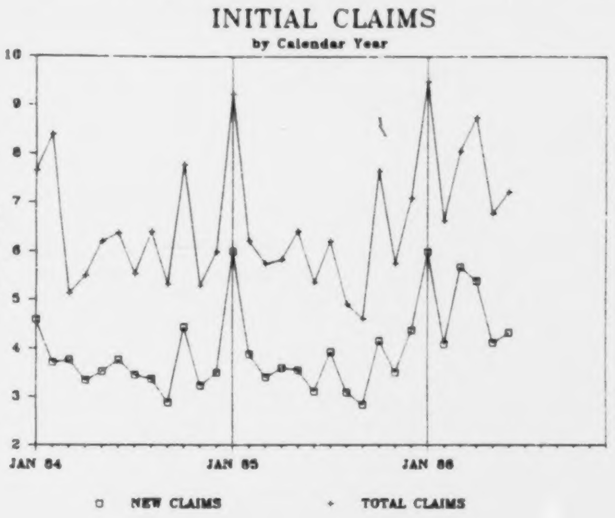
CPI-U - All Urban Consumers
CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

UI QUARTERLY REVIEW 1/

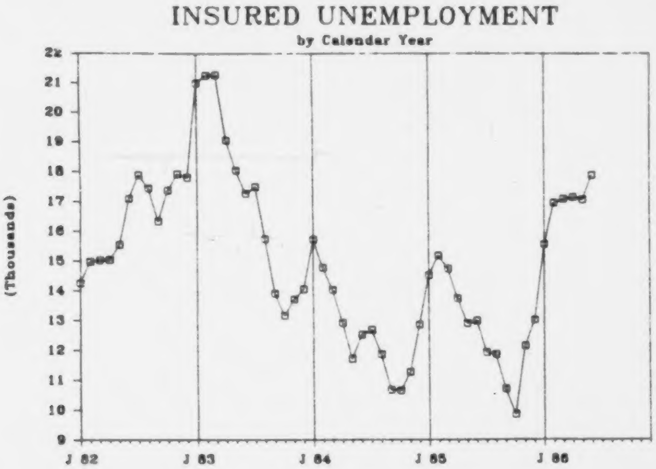
New claims filed under the New Mexico Unemployment Compensation program fell almost 12 percent during the June quarter from levels experienced during the prior three month period. Most of this decline can be attributed to the onset of warmer weather spurring a new round of business activity in the Agriculture and Construction industries. Also, fewer claims were filed against employers in the Mining industry in Eddy and San Juan counties, and in the Wholesale Trade, Manufacturing, and Retail Trade industries statewide.

New claims filed against the Mining industry posted an overall 2.9 percent increase due primarily to continued layoffs in the oil and gas industry in Lea County, and in the coal production subsector in Colfax County.

The Transportation industry noted a substantial rise of 27.7 percent in New claims centered primarily in the local transit subsector. This is a normal occurrence during the second quarter and is directly attributable to the ending of the school term.



Employers in the Service sector of the New Mexico economy experienced a rise of almost twenty-five percent in New claims over the quarter. Most of these layoffs occurred in the Health, Social, Business, and Educational Services subsectors in Chaves, Dona Ana, Lea, and San Juan counties. Mc Kinley County posted a rise in claims from the Membership Organization subsector and Taos County noted a large increase from the Lodging and Amusement and Recreation industries following the end of the skiing season.



The Insured Unemployment Rate (IUR) rose to 3.8 percent in June, from 3.6 percent reported for March 1986. During the week ending June 14, there were 17,900 people certifying for unemployment insurance, representing 27 percent of the estimated 66,300 total unemployed reported for June 1986. Though most of the counties reported declines in the number of insured unemployed during the quarter, this was more than offset by huge increases in Lea, San Juan, and Taos counties. Statewide, the number of insured unemployed increased by 12.2 percent during the April-June period.

1/ From the UI QUARTERLY REVIEW, June 1986. Copies of this quarterly report, which includes detailed information on claims, insured unemployment, benefit payments, Trust Fund adequacy, and claimant characteristics, is available from NMESD, ER & A, P.O. Box 1928, Albuquerque, NM 87103, or by calling (505) 841-8697.

NEW MEXICO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/

	PRELIMINARY JUNE 1986				REVISED MAY 1986				REVISED JUNE 1985			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	686,308	620,005	66,303	9.7%	673,931	612,881	61,050	9.1%	650,906	590,923	59,983	9.2%
ALBUQUERQUE MSA 2/	258,607	240,974	17,633	6.8%	253,359	237,996	15,363	6.1%	242,243	225,062	17,181	7.1%
LAS CRUCES MSA 3/	56,289	51,800	4,489	8.0%	55,884	51,736	4,148	7.4%	49,882	45,042	4,840	9.7%
SANTA FE MSA 4/	64,354	60,897	3,457	5.4%	63,072	59,921	3,151	5.0%	60,653	57,299	3,354	5.5%
Catron	1,109	1,000	109	9.8%	1,093	983	110	10.1%	1,055	916	139	13.2%
Chaves	23,879	21,706	2,173	9.1%	23,379	21,278	2,101	9.0%	23,623	21,591	2,032	8.6%
Cibola	9,035	7,180	1,855	20.5%	8,870	7,242	1,628	18.4%	8,802	6,509	2,293	26.1%
Colfax	7,860	6,891	969	12.3%	7,141	6,069	1,072	15.0%	7,575	6,942	633	8.4%
Curry	17,164	16,061	1,103	6.4%	17,204	16,029	1,175	6.8%	16,270	15,068	1,202	7.4%
De Baca	935	852	83	8.9%	928	837	91	9.8%	924	827	97	10.5%
Eddy	23,009	19,722	3,287	14.3%	22,943	19,835	3,108	13.5%	22,267	19,623	2,644	11.9%
Grant	10,143	8,992	1,151	11.3%	9,860	8,806	1,054	10.7%	10,120	8,689	1,431	14.1%
Guadalupe	1,684	1,468	216	12.8%	1,658	1,455	203	12.2%	1,664	1,433	231	13.9%
Harding	519	468	51	9.8%	491	436	55	11.2%	562	518	44	7.8%
Hidalgo	2,441	2,297	144	5.9%	2,405	2,275	130	5.4%	2,476	2,230	246	9.9%
Lea	25,945	21,970	3,975	15.3%	25,758	22,118	3,640	14.1%	26,601	24,825	1,776	6.7%
Lincoln	8,329	7,831	498	6.0%	8,331	7,817	514	6.2%	8,219	7,727	492	6.0%
Luna	5,697	4,781	916	16.1%	5,575	4,743	832	14.9%	5,435	4,494	941	17.3%
McKinley	17,825	15,488	2,337	13.1%	17,255	15,211	2,044	11.8%	17,312	14,981	2,331	13.5%
Mora	1,448	946	502	34.7%	1,454	951	503	34.6%	1,377	1,020	357	25.9%
Otero	17,662	16,244	1,418	8.0%	17,812	16,393	1,419	8.0%	16,674	15,241	1,433	8.6%
Quay	4,681	4,252	429	9.2%	4,646	4,230	416	9.0%	4,593	4,131	462	10.1%
Rio Arriba	13,001	10,260	2,741	21.1%	12,561	9,903	2,658	21.2%	13,464	11,129	2,335	17.3%
Roosevelt	7,166	6,778	388	5.4%	7,123	6,731	392	5.5%	6,818	6,425	393	5.8%
Sandoval	22,458	20,494	1,964	8.7%	21,681	20,012	1,669	7.7%	21,152	19,362	1,790	8.5%
San Juan	36,352	29,364	6,988	19.2%	35,378	29,206	6,172	17.4%	35,095	29,951	5,144	14.7%
San Miguel	9,837	8,518	1,319	13.4%	10,216	8,894	1,322	12.9%	9,439	8,092	1,347	14.3%
Sierra	2,424	2,258	166	6.8%	2,395	2,218	177	7.4%	2,297	2,095	202	8.8%
Socorro	5,761	5,215	546	9.5%	5,643	5,178	465	8.2%	5,194	4,782	412	7.9%
Taos	10,882	7,615	3,267	30.0%	10,551	7,071	3,480	33.0%	10,724	8,454	2,270	21.2%
Torrance	3,267	2,873	394	12.1%	3,136	2,758	378	12.1%	3,192	2,849	343	10.7%
Union	2,269	2,065	204	9.0%	2,122	1,947	175	8.2%	2,166	2,015	151	7.0%
Valencia	14,276	12,745	1,531	10.7%	14,007	12,602	1,405	10.0%	13,038	11,601	1,437	11.0%

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

2/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Bernalillo County

3/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Dona Ana County

4/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Santa Fe and Los Alamos Counties

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Construction work has begun on a $17 million, 57,400-square-foot building to be used for Strategic Defense Initiative-related research; construction of the facility is expected to take about four years. A $3.5 million contract has been awarded to Gardner-Zemke Company of Albuquerque to construct a 14,300-square-foot office and laboratory for radiochemical diagnostics work.

RATON / CLAYTON AREA: Borrego Construction Company of Santa Fe has begun building the new $952,200 National Guard Armory in Raton. Two downtown Raton retail stores, J.C.Penney, with ten employees, and DiLisio's Department Store, with seven employees, have announced they will soon go out of business.

ROSWELL AREA: Boeing Aircraft Co. brought in approximately 60 workers to the Roswell Industrial Air Center for a two-week period in late July for testing of new Boeing 767 aircraft.

SANTA FE AREA: J. C. Penney has moved its store from De Vargas Mall to Villa Linda Mall; the new larger store permitted the hiring of 35 new employees in addition to the 55 previously employed in the former location. The 36-room Inn on the Alameda has opened at the corner of Alameda and Paseo de Peralta. Building permits have been issued for a new K-Bobs restaurant on Cerrillos Road and for the $2.9 million, 182-unit San Rafael Apartments complex on Zepal Road.

SILVER CITY AREA: A contract which calls for a 23 percent cut in wages and benefits was approved by Kennecott Corp. workers. Two local developers, Rex Kipp and Jim Worthan, are planning to build a $2.3 million motel / restaurant complex in Silver City. The developers expect construction to begin on the new facility within six months.

TAOS / ANGEL FIRE AREA: Plans are well underway to build the $8 million, 181-room Don Fernando Hotel on Paseo Sur in Taos; construction is expected to begin this fall and be complete by the summer of 1987. Taos County employees' hours and pay have been reduced 20 percent because of a county revenue shortfall. Angel Fire Corp. is planning extensive new developments which include purchase and installation of $2.4 million of snowmaking equipment and three new residential subdivisions on the mountain adjacent to the ski slopes.

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HIGHLIGHTS

New Mexico's unemployment rate was 9.5 percent in July, remaining in the mid-nine percent range reached early this year. The number of unemployed was estimated at 65,200, 1,200 lower than June's seasonal peak but 6,000 more than this time last year. The national jobless rate in July was 7.0 percent (not seasonally adjusted).

According to estimates based on a sample of employer payrolls, total nonfarm employment in New Mexico fell by 4,200 jobs in July. Hiring took place during the month in construction, lodging places, health and recreational facilities, and in membership organizations (largely at summer youth camps). However, these gains were more than offset by job declines in government and mining. The usual summer furloughs were reported by public schools and state-supported higher educational institutions (classified respectively in local and state government). Oil & gas extraction again lost jobs during the month, resulting in a nine-year low employment level for the industry. Some scattered job losses were also reported in retail trade and non-durable goods manufacturing during July.

The areas in New Mexico with the highest unemployment rates continue to be the rural northern counties; however, areas with the largest increases in jobless rates over the last year in almost all cases are counties which have experienced significant mining layoffs. Taos County's already high unemployment rate jumped from 18.0 to 27.8 percent over the last twelve months, mainly due to the February closure of the Molycorp molybdenum mine at Questa. Heavily oil dependent Lea County saw its normally low unemployment rate skyrocket from 6.2 to 15.1 percent, as plummeting oil prices severely contracted employment in the domestic petroleum industry. Likewise, in San Juan County the jobless rate rose from 14.8 to 19.0 percent due to the oil problems. Layoffs at a major coal mine contributed to the jump in Colfax County's unemployment rate from 7.8 to 11.5 percent over the year.

JULY SUMMARY

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	July 1986	June 1986	July 1985	June 1986	July 1985
Civilian Labor Force	687,400	685,900	646,700	+1,500	+40,700
Employment	622,200	619,500	587,500	+2,700	+34,700
Unemployment	65,200	66,400	59,200	-1,200	+6,000
Rate	9.5%	9.7%	9.2%		

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

NEW MEXICO	PRELIM JUL 1986	REVISED JUN 1986	REVISED JUL 1985	JUL CHANGE FROM	
				JUN 1986	JUL 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	520,200	524,400	516,500	-4,200	3,700
MINING	15,000	15,300	20,300	-300	-5,300
Metal Mining	2,300	2,300	3,100	0	-800
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying etc	3,700	3,700	4,100	0	-400
Oil & Gas Extraction	9,000	9,300	13,100	-300	-4,100
CONSTRUCTION	38,400	38,100	38,600	300	-200
MANUFACTURING	37,300	37,300	37,400	0	-100
DURABLE GOODS	24,400	24,200	24,600	200	-200
Lumber & Wood Products	2,800	2,700	2,600	100	200
Machinery(except electric)	2,500	2,500	2,900	0	-400
Elec & Electronic Equip	6,700	6,600	6,600	100	100
Transportation Equipment	4,100	4,100	4,200	0	-100
Other Durable Goods	8,300	8,300	8,300	0	0
NONDURABLE GOODS	12,900	13,100	12,800	-200	100
Food & Kindred Products	4,400	4,300	4,100	100	300
Textile & Apparel	2,300	2,400	2,200	-100	100
Other Nondurable Goods	6,200	6,400	6,500	-200	-300
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	27,300	27,000	29,100	300	-1,800
TRANSPORTATION	11,800	11,900	12,100	-100	-300
Railroad Transportation	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0
Trucking & Warehousing	5,900	6,000	6,100	-100	-200
Other Transportation	3,500	3,500	3,600	0	-100
COMMUNICATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15,500	15,100	17,000	400	-1,500
Communication	6,700	6,300	7,300	400	-600
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	8,800	8,800	9,700	0	-900
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	128,800	128,900	123,600	-100	5,200
WHOLESALE TRADE	23,000	23,100	23,200	-100	-200
Durable Goods	13,800	13,800	13,800	0	0
Nondurable Goods	9,200	9,300	9,400	-100	-200
RETAIL TRADE	105,800	105,800	100,400	0	5,400
Bldg Material & Mobile Homes	5,000	4,900	4,800	100	200
General Merchandise Stores	12,500	12,600	11,000	-100	1,500
Food Stores	15,700	15,400	14,600	300	1,100
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	13,100	13,200	13,100	-100	0
Apparel & Accessories	5,600	5,700	5,400	-100	200
Furniture & Furnishing	4,300	4,400	4,400	-100	-100
Eating & Drinking Places	37,800	37,900	35,700	-100	2,100
Miscellaneous Retail	11,800	11,700	11,400	100	400
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	26,400	26,500	26,000	-100	400
Banking	8,300	8,300	8,400	0	-100
Insurance Carriers	3,300	3,300	3,400	0	-100
Insur Agents, Brokers & Service	2,800	2,900	2,700	-100	100
Real Estate	6,500	6,500	6,300	0	200
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	5,500	5,500	5,200	0	300
SERVICES	119,800	118,800	116,700	1,000	3100
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	13,200	12,900	11,900	300	1300
Personal Services	5,700	5,700	5,800	0	-100
Business Services	27,500	27,600	26,800	-100	700
Health Services	27,500	27,300	27,200	200	300
Legal Services	4,200	4,100	3,800	100	400
Educational Services	3,300	3,400	3,400	-100	-100
Social Services	7,400	7,400	7,200	0	200
Membership Organizations	7,800	7,500	7,800	300	0
Other Services	23,200	22,900	22,800	300	400
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	127,200	132,500	124,800	-5,300	2,400
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	29,900	29,900	30,300	0	-400
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	97,300	102,600	94,500	-5,300	2,800
State Government 2/	43,400	44,800	42,000	-1,400	1,400
Local Government	53,900	57,800	52,500	-3,900	1,400

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

2/ Includes employees of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

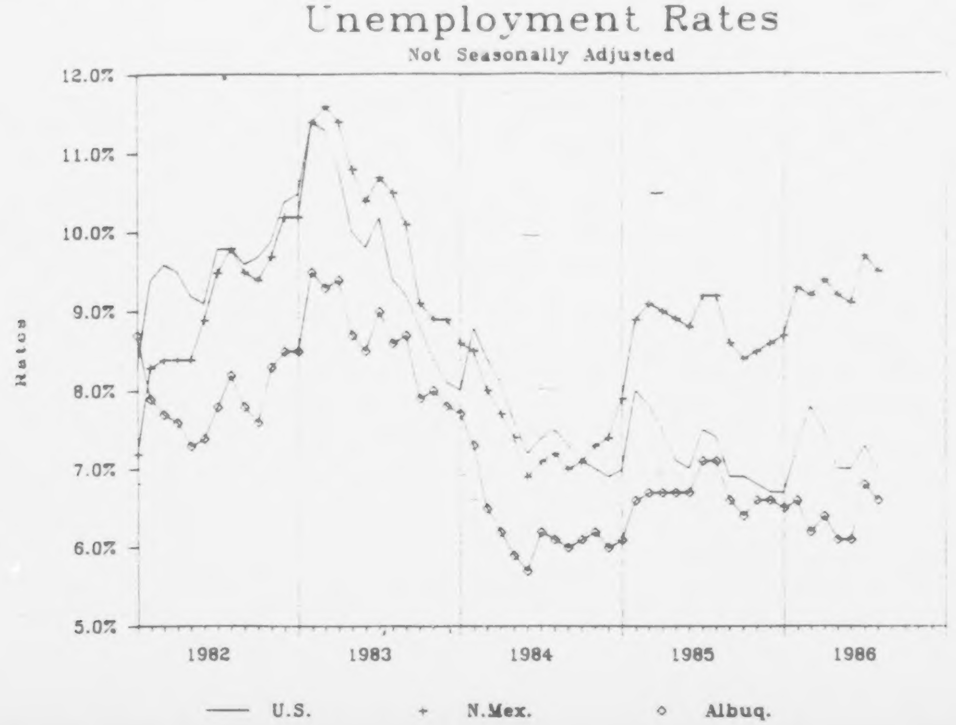
ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)

The unemployment rate for the Albuquerque area declined slightly to 6.6 percent in July, down from June's rate of 6.8 percent and one-half a percentage point below the rate for last July, according to preliminary labor force estimates. A slightly larger than normal drop of 600 in the number of jobless helped push this July's rate downward.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment, derived from a survey of local employers, fell by 500 jobs from June to July, a slightly smaller decline than is normally expected at this time of year. Large seasonal losses in state government (the university) and local government (public schools) were partially offset by non-seasonal gains in services and transportation, communication, & public utilities. Additional workers in health care facilities provided most of the growth in services, while the return of striking communications workers to their jobs caused virtually all of the gain in transportation, communication, & public utilities. These two industry divisions normally exhibit little or no growth from June to July. Construction, which normally does add workers in July, showed virtually no change in employment this month. Two industrial divisions which normally lose employees between June and July are manufacturing and finance, insurance, & real estate; but employment held steady in both of these divisions.

There are now 4,900 more nonagricultural wage and salary jobs than in July 1985. Leading all other major groups in terms of percentage increase over the year is hotels & lodging places with 12 percent employment growth. Eating & drinking places leads all other major groups numerically with a gain of 800 jobs. (Other services, shown on the table on page 4 with an increase of 900 jobs, is a combination of seven different major industrial groups). Job losses over the year occurred in communication and electric, gas, & sanitary services, as large employers in these two major groups initiated staff cutbacks to reduce operating costs.

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	Jul. 1986	Jun. 1986	Jul. 1985	Jun. 1986	Jul. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	258,100	257,800	240,000	+ 300	+18,100
Employment	241,100	240,200	222,900	+ 900	+18,200
Unemployment	17,000	17,600	17,100	- 600	- 100
Rate	6.6%	6.8%	7.1%		



ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	PRELIM	REVISED	REVISED	JUL CHANGE FROM	
ALBUQUERQUE MSA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)	JUL 1986	JUN 1986	JUL 1985	JUN 1986	JUL 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	224,000	224,500	219,100	-500	4,900
MINING	300	300	200	0	100
CONSTRUCTION	18,600	18,600	18,700	0	-100
MANUFACTURING	19,500	19,500	19,400	0	100
Durable Goods	13,900	13,900	13,700	0	200
Nondurable Goods	5,600	5,600	5,700	0	-100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	11,800	11,500	11,900	300	-100
Transportation	5,600	5,600	5,300	0	300
Communication	3,800	3,500	4,000	300	-200
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	2,400	2,400	2,600	0	-200
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	58,100	58,200	56,400	-100	1,700
WHOLESALE TRADE	14,300	14,400	14,300	-100	0
Durable Goods	9,600	9,600	9,600	0	0
Nondurable Goods	4,700	4,800	4,700	-100	0
RETAIL TRADE	43,800	43,800	42,100	0	1,700
General Merchandise Stores	4,700	4,800	4,500	-100	200
Food Stores	5,100	4,900	4,700	200	400
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	4,800	4,800	4,800	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	16,500	16,600	15,700	-100	800
Other Retail Trade	12,700	12,700	12,400	0	300
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	13,600	13,600	13,400	0	200
Banking	3,200	3,200	3,200	0	0
Ins Carriers, Agents & Brokers	3,800	3,800	3,700	0	100
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	6,600	6,600	6,500	0	100
SERVICES	59,700	59,400	57,500	300	2,200
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	3,700	3,700	3,300	0	400
Personal Services	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	0
Business Services	19,100	19,000	18,900	100	200
Health Services	13,500	13,300	13,000	200	500
Social Services	2,900	2,900	2,800	0	100
Membership Organizations	2,000	2,000	1,900	0	100
Other Services	15,500	15,500	14,600	0	900
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	42,400	43,400	41,600	-1,000	800
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	12,900	12,900	12,800	0	100
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	29,500	30,500	28,800	-1,000	700
State Government	11,100	11,400	10,700	-300	400
Local Government	18,400	19,100	18,100	-700	300

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

LAS CRUCES MSA (DONA ANA COUNTY) 1/	PRELIM JUL 1986	REVISED JUN 1986	REVISED JUL 1985	JUL CHANGE FROM JUN 1986	JUL CHANGE FROM JUL 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	37,150	39,350	33,450	-2,200	3,700
MINING 3/	0	0	0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	3,000	2,900	2,600	100	400
MANUFACTURING	3,050	3,150	3,150	-100	-100
Durable Goods	1,350	1,350	1,250	0	100
Nondurable Goods	1,700	1,800	1,900	-100	-200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,250	1,300	1,250	-50	0
Transportation	450	500	450	-50	0
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	800	800	800	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	8,150	8,150	7,300	0	850
WHOLESALE TRADE	800	800	850	0	-50
RETAIL TRADE	7,350	7,350	6,450	0	900
General Merchandise Stores	900	900	750	0	150
Food Stores	1,000	1,000	900	0	100
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	800	800	850	0	-50
Eating & Drinking Places	3,200	3,200	2,600	0	600
Other Retail Trade	1,450	1,450	1,350	0	100
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	1,700	1,700	1,600	0	100
SERVICES	5,500	5,450	5,050	50	450
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	650	600	550	50	100
Business Services	950	950	850	0	100
Health Services	1,450	1,450	1,300	0	150
Social Services	350	350	350	0	0
Other Services	2,100	2,100	2,000	0	100
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	14,500	16,700	12,500	-2,200	2,000
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	4,700	4,700	4,700	0	0
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	9,800	12,000	7,800	-2,200	2,000
State Government	5,500	6,900	4,500	-1,400	1,000
Local Government	4,300	5,100	3,300	-800	1,000

SANTA FE MSA (SANTA FE & LOS ALAMOS COUNTIES) 1/	PRELIM JUL 1986	REVISED JUN 1986	REVISED JUL 1985	JUL CHANGE FROM JUN 1986	JUL CHANGE FROM JUL 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	52,450	51,900	51,900	550	550
MINING	100	100	150	0	-50
CONSTRUCTION	3,500	3,400	3,800	100	-300
MANUFACTURING	1,550	1,500	1,550	50	0
Durable Goods	950	900	950	50	0
Nondurable Goods	600	600	600	0	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,050	1,100	1,050	-50	0
Transportation	350	400	300	-50	50
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	700	700	750	0	-50
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10,250	10,100	9,850	150	400
WHOLESALE TRADE	700	700	700	0	0
RETAIL TRADE	9,550	9,400	9,150	150	400
General Merchandise Stores	1,000	950	800	50	200
Food Stores	1,300	1,250	1,300	50	0
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	850	900	900	-50	-50
Eating & Drinking Places	3,800	3,700	3,700	100	100
Other Retail Trade	2,600	2,600	2,450	0	150
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	2,050	2,000	2,000	50	50
SERVICES	13,350	13,200	13,700	150	-350
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	2,100	2,050	1,950	50	150
Business Services	2,900	2,900	2,900	0	0
Health Services	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0
Social Services	550	550	550	0	0
Other Services	5,200	5,100	5,700	100	-500
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	20,600	20,500	19,800	100	800
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	1,600	1,500	1,700	100	-100
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	19,000	19,000	18,100	0	900
State Government 4/	15,200	15,100	14,700	100	500
Local Government	3,800	3,900	3,400	-100	400

1/ In accordance with the CES Manual, those published cells with less than 2,000 employees are rounded to nearest 50. Those published cells with more than 2,000 employees are rounded to 100.

2/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

3/ The employment for the Las Cruces MSA is rounded to fifty. Because employment in this industry is below 25 it appears as zero.

4/ Includes employees of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS

Hours and Earnings of Production, Construction and Nonsupervisory Employees
(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
NEW MEXICO	JUL 1986	JUN 1986	JUL 1985	JUL 1986	JUN 1986	JUL 1985	JUL 1986	JUN 1986	JUL 1985
MINING	$461.33	$525.76	$496.76	38.8	39.8	41.5	11.89	13.21	11.97
CONSTRUCTION	$391.42	$388.08	$374.76	37.6	36.1	36.0	10.41	10.75	10.41
MANUFACTURING	$361.89	$348.69	$332.83	40.3	39.4	38.3	8.98	8.85	8.69
Durable Goods	$366.74	$362.80	$335.04	41.3	40.0	37.9	8.88	9.07	8.84
Nondurable Goods	$312.74	$317.75	$328.94	38.0	38.1	39.3	8.23	8.34	8.37
COMMUNICATION & UTILITIES	$455.87	$504.58	$470.37	41.9	44.3	42.8	10.88	11.39	10.99
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	$223.38	$222.77	$223.78	34.0	32.1	33.5	6.57	6.94	6.68
Wholesale Trade	$393.21	$390.26	$379.85	42.1	39.5	42.3	9.34	9.88	8.98
Retail Trade	$187.66	$190.95	$191.79	32.3	30.7	31.7	5.81	6.22	6.05
BANKING	$218.50	$232.93	$213.95	38.4	40.3	38.9	5.69	5.78	5.50
ALBUQUERQUE MSA	U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics has been forced to cancel funds for this series due to reductions caused by the Gramm - Rudman - Hollings Balanced Budget Act.								
MANUFACTURING									
Durable Goods									
Nondurable Goods									

NOTE: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part time work, overtime work etc.

Additional Information on State Government Employment

Number of Classified State Govt. Workers

July 1986	15,217
June 1986	15,192
July 1985	15,416

These figures include classified employees working for classified agencies of the executive branch of state government. This information is furnished by the New Mexico State Personnel Office.

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CPI-U - 328.0
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CPI-U - All Urban Consumers
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NEW PUBLICATIONS

New Mexico Youth in the Labor Force (published in August 1986). This 74-page report contains economic and demographic statistics and analyses concerning New Mexico's youth and young adults. Included are information on youth population, education, income, employment, and unemployment.

Santa Fe Employer Wage Survey, (published in August 1986). Over 200 local employers participated in this special wage survey conducted to help meet the need for Santa Fe area wage information. The report contains average entry wage, average wage paid, and low/high wages for over 60 different occupations.

Copies of these publications can be obtained at no charge by writing to ER & A Bureau 6097, Employment Security Dept., P.O. Box 1928, Albuquerque, NM 87103, or by calling (505) 841-8645.

AREA ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

ALBUQUERQUE AREA: Groundbreaking ceremonies were recently held for the Paseo del Norte Bridge; the bridge and approaches on either side total 5.3 miles of roadway, will cost about $30 million, and will take about one year to complete. As part of a nation-wide expansion project, Circle K Corp. has purchased property in Albuquerque on which to build five additional stores, which will bring their Albuquerque total to 68. The new Bag & Save Food Emporium has opened near Wyoming and Harper. Presley Co. of New Mexico has begun construction of 260 single-family homes near the I-40-Unser Blvd. interchange. The U.S. Congress has approved a $5 million appropriation for a 30-bed spinal cord injuries treatment center to be housed in part of the old V.A. hospital building; the unit should be in operation by 1989, employing about 100 people. Centre Brands, a specialty frozen foods company, has closed its Albuquerque manufacturing plant, resulting in the layoff of 79 workers. The New Mexico Community Development Council has awarded a $350,000 Community Development Block Grant to the City of Moriarty; the city will use the grant to purchase and develop 40 acres on the east end of Moriarty as an industrial park. Centex American Gypsum Company, which currently operates a plant on Paseo del Norte near I-25, is planning to build a new $20 million wallboard plant near Algodones. When completed in two years, the plant would employ about 100 workers. The firm's gypsum supply is mined near San Ysidro.

ALAMOGORDO / RUIDOSO AREA: Work is underway on a $10 million Astrophysical Research telescope facility at Apache Point in the Sacramento Mountains near Alamogordo. The project is a combined effort of New Mexico State University, the National Science Foundation, and several other universities around the country. The telescope, which will be the 12th largest of its type in the world, is expected to be operational in early 1988. George Thomas Homes has announced the development of a new 250 home subdivision in Alamogordo.

CARLSBAD / ARTESIA AREA: Western-Ag Minerals has announced a two-month shutdown at its potash mining operation near Carlsbad. The shutdown is expected to run from August 10 to October 5 and affect approximately 125 workers. Work has started on the new United New Mexico Bank facility in downtown Carlsbad.

CLOVIS / PORTALES AREA: Reports indicate that the recent refusal by the Interstate Commerce Commission to allow the merger of the Santa Fe and Southern Pacific Railroads could have serious implications for the Clovis area. According to Santa Fe officials, the blocked merger will hinder the company's efforts to compete with the larger railroads and the trucking industry. Santa Fe currently employs 580 workers at its Clovis operation, with an annual payroll of $22 million.

DEMING AREA: Border Foods started up its seasonal chili processing operation in Deming in July, somewhat earlier than in previous years. Border Foods usual employs approximately 500 workers through October processing and packaging chili products.

FARMINGTON AREA: Construction of the Tse Bit'a'i Shopping Center in Shiprock is completed and the two anchor stores have opened. The 42,000-square-foot City Market grocery store now employs about 120 people; the other anchor is a 12,000-square-foot Yellow Front store. When fully leased, the 65,000-square-foot shopping center is expected to provide 150 permanent jobs. The haul road to San Juan Coal Company's La Plata Mine is now open, and trucks are hauling coal from the mine to San Juan Generating Station. There are about 120 workers at the mine. The San Juan Basin Gas Plant near Bloomfield, Juan Basin Gas Plant near Bloomfield, owned jointly by Conoco, Inc. and Tenneco Oil Company, is nearing completion and will employ 22 workers when in full operation. It will be the largest natural gas liquids extraction plant in the U.S. Four Corners Good Samaritan Center has announced plans to build about 40 retirement condominiums and a club house just north of their present Aztec facility.

GALLUP / GRANTS AREA: Carbon Coal Company has shut down operations at its No. 2 mine south of Gallup, causing the layoff of 70 workers. A skeleton crew of about 30 workers remain at the mine. Castillo's Tortilla Factory has reopened in a Milan facility after a fire forced the closing of their former factory in Grants; the firm's 33 employees were out of work for several weeks. Alternative Bedding Corporation of America, a firm that manufactures cotton mattresses, is seeking Community Development Block Grant money for the purpose of relocating their manufacturing operation from Boulder, Colorado to Grants. If the move materializes, the firm could employ 50 workers in Grants within the next two years. Construction is underway on Giant Industries' new $12 million gasoline isomerization unit. The plant should be completed by mid-January 1987 and will produce high-octane unleaded gasoline. Also, Giant Industries has announced plans to locate an $8 million "travel center" east of Gallup on Interstate 40 which will employ about 200 workers. The center will be a mall-like complex featuring gasoline fueling facilities, restaurants, food store, and other assorted retail outlets. Navajo Forest Products Industry has announced plans to begin manufacturing modular homes at its mill in Navajo beginning next February, creating 200 jobs. Many of those jobs will be filled by current sawmill workers who will be displaced by the sawmill modernization project. Railroad engineers currently working out of Gallup will be relocated to Belen beginning October 1; union-management negotiations are continuing with regard to other classes of railroad workers.

HOBBS / LOVINGTON AREA: Sterling-Cordell, a Utah firm, is negotiating for the purchase of the former Famariss Refinery north of Hobbs from Southern Union. Sterling-Cordell plans to reopen the facility and initially hire between 75 and 100 workers. The refinery has been closed since August 1984. Work on the $33 million ARCO carbon dioxide processing plant in Denver City is scheduled to begin by September according to Hudson Engineering Inc. officials, the prime contractor for the project. Approximately 300 workers are expected to be employed during the construction of the plant. Oil well drilling activity in the Permian Basin continues to be depressed. Area firms closing during August included Chaparral Services, with 30 workers, Salta PVC, with 5 employees, and Link Rat Hole with 6 workers. Dresser Atlas laid off one half of their 24 worker staff during August.

LAS CRUCES AREA: The Pentagon has chosen White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) as the site of a major research facility for the nation's Strategic Defense Initiative. Three sites within WSMR - near Socorro, Oro Grande and Las Cruces - are currently being considered for the project named the Ground Based Free Electron Laser Technology Integration Experiment. Construction of the facility will take two to three years to complete and involve from 500 to 2,000 construction workers, according to U.S. Army officials. A permanent work force of about 250 is expected for the research operation. Final site selection is expected as early as next April. Plans are underway to locate a new K-Mart store in Las Cruces by next spring. The planned 67,000 square-foot-store will be located in a new shopping center near U.S. Highway 70 and Del Rey Blvd.

LOS ALAMOS AREA: Both houses of the U.S. Congress have approved preliminary funding which would lead to the construction of a new highway between Los Alamos and Santa

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NEW MEXICO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/

	PRELIMINARY JULY 1986				REVISED JUNE 1986				REVISED JULY 1985			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	687,386	622,183	65,203	9.5%	685,943	619,541	66,402	9.7%	646,713	587,534	59,179	9.2%
ALBUQUERQUE MSA 2/	258,068	241,089	16,979	6.6%	257,766	240,182	17,584	6.8%	239,996	222,935	17,061	7.1%
LAS CRUCES MSA 3/	54,078	49,774	4,304	8.0%	57,128	52,579	4,549	8.0%	47,077	42,424	4,653	9.9%
SANTA FE MSA 4/	66,132	62,389	3,743	5.7%	64,205	60,738	3,467	5.4%	61,580	58,309	3,271	5.3%
Catron	1,195	1,071	124	10.4%	1,111	998	113	10.2%	1,083	959	124	11.4%
Chaves	23,926	21,745	2,181	9.1%	23,811	21,657	2,154	9.0%	23,731	21,484	2,247	9.5%
Cibola	9,121	7,333	1,788	19.6%	9,052	7,202	1,850	20.4%	8,597	6,346	2,251	26.2%
Colfax	8,012	7,088	924	11.5%	7,871	6,898	973	12.4%	7,585	6,992	593	7.8%
Curry	17,284	16,166	1,118	6.5%	17,131	16,025	1,106	6.5%	16,372	15,166	1,206	7.4%
De Baca	1,006	913	93	9.2%	934	850	84	9.0%	947	870	77	8.1%
Eddy	22,937	19,676	3,261	14.2%	22,954	19,678	3,276	14.3%	21,953	19,465	2,488	11.3%
Grant	10,359	9,109	1,250	12.1%	10,124	8,972	1,152	11.4%	9,891	8,450	1,441	14.6%
Guadalupe	1,775	1,564	211	11.9%	1,678	1,465	213	12.7%	1,681	1,451	230	13.7%
Harding	560	505	55	9.8%	517	467	50	9.7%	564	526	38	6.7%
Hidalgo	2,491	2,337	154	6.2%	2,435	2,292	143	5.9%	2,510	2,265	245	9.8%
Lea	25,859	21,964	3,895	15.1%	25,928	21,920	4,008	15.5%	26,342	24,711	1,631	6.2%
Lincoln	8,561	8,113	448	5.2%	8,310	7,813	497	6.0%	8,246	7,785	461	5.6%
Luna	5,726	4,867	859	15.0%	5,697	4,770	927	16.3%	5,431	4,505	926	17.1%
McKinley	18,063	15,661	2,402	13.3%	17,808	15,453	2,355	13.2%	16,829	14,281	2,548	15.1%
Mora	1,467	955	512	34.9%	1,457	944	513	35.2%	1,569	1,194	375	23.9%
Otero	17,776	16,304	1,472	8.3%	17,635	16,207	1,428	8.1%	16,611	15,273	1,338	8.1%
Quay	4,728	4,297	431	9.1%	4,667	4,243	424	9.1%	4,628	4,151	477	10.3%
Rio Arriba	13,011	10,244	2,767	21.3%	13,056	10,307	2,749	21.1%	13,568	11,365	2,203	16.2%
Roosevelt	7,195	6,812	383	5.3%	7,145	6,763	382	5.3%	6,869	6,469	400	5.8%
Sandoval	22,387	20,502	1,885	8.4%	22,413	20,448	1,965	8.8%	21,290	19,439	1,851	8.7%
San Juan	36,242	29,374	6,868	19.0%	36,334	29,314	7,020	19.3%	34,632	29,516	5,116	14.8%
San Miguel	10,098	8,741	1,357	13.4%	9,810	8,499	1,311	13.4%	10,113	8,821	1,292	12.8%
Sierra	2,440	2,306	134	5.5%	2,416	2,253	163	6.7%	2,338	2,131	207	8.9%
Socorro	5,827	5,280	547	9.4%	5,747	5,204	543	9.4%	5,273	4,823	450	8.5%
Taos	10,867	7,847	3,020	27.8%	10,874	7,598	3,276	30.1%	10,986	9,007	1,979	18.0%
Torrance	3,279	2,912	367	11.2%	3,276	2,884	392	12.0%	3,340	2,976	364	10.9%
Union	2,253	2,073	180	8.0%	2,263	2,060	203	9.0%	2,202	2,026	176	8.0%
Valencia	14,663	13,172	1,491	10.2%	14,390	12,858	1,532	10.6%	12,879	11,419	1,460	11.3%

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

2/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Bernalillo County

3/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Dona Ana County

4/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Santa Fe and Los Alamos Counties

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Fe. The highway and its bridge over the Rio Grande are expected to cost between $80 million and $125 million.

ROSWELL AREA: By mid-October, a new Mealmakers' food processing plant should be in partial operation, according to company officials. Initially about 50 workers will be hired at the plant which will process and package vegetables.

SANTA FE AREA: The new Bag & Save Food Emporium, with 400 employees, has opened at St. Michael's Drive and Pacheco Street. Santa Fe Custom Design, a business which equips vans for specialized uses, has begun operations at a facility on Vegas Verdes Drive near Cerrillos Road; when operating at full capacity, there will be about 60 employees. The firm has received an on-the-job training grant of $218,000 from the state Industrial Development Training Committee's In-Plant Job Training Program. Santa Fe's hotel and motel occupancy rate appears to be up between four and ten percent in 1986 compared to 1985, even as more than 1,000 new rooms have been added to the inventory. The operators of Gold Field's mine near Cerrillos have announced the mine will probably close down in the next month or two; the mine has recently employed about 60 workers.

SILVER CITY AREA: Chino Mines Co. laid off 100 workers for a two week period in August while maintenance work was being performed facilities at the copper mine.

TAOS AREA: Larkin Contractors has begun construction of the $1.1 million, 18,000-square-foot medical office building. The project is employing about 30 workers, and completion is expected by the end of this year. Rio Costilla Ski Area is presently undergoing a $3.5 million expansion and improvement program which involves new ski trails, a new chairlift, new snowmaking equipment, and expansion and renovation of lodges, restaurants, and shops. Officials expect the ski area will employ about 60 workers this winter. Red River Ski Area is also in the midst of a major improvement project, involving the installation of eleven new snowmaking guns and a new powerline and cutting of new ski trails. The hotel and motel occupancy rate in Taos is reported to be up 10 to 15 percent over last year.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Preliminary labor force estimates indicate very little change in New Mexico's unemployment situation in August. Although the State's unemployment rate fell from 9.5 to 9.0 percent during the month, this is a continuation of the normal decline from June's seasonal jobless peak. Approximately 61,200 New Mexicans were unemployed in August, 4,000 fewer than in July and 5,200 fewer than in June. Most of the reduction in unemployment since June is the result of summer jobseekers either finding work or dropping out of the labor force after unsuccessful job searches.

The Nation's unemployment situation was also little changed this August, with a jobless rate of 6.7 percent, down seasonally from 7.0 percent in July.

In New Mexico, summertime job expansions in trade, manufacturing, and construction pushed total nonagricultural payroll employment up 900 jobs in August. The gains in trade were concentrated in the restaurant and food store industries, while food processing accounted for the majority of the manufacturing increase. Weakness was again evident in mining; however, the job reductions this month were in coal rather than in the troubled oil & gas industry. Carbon Coal Company laid off most of the workforce at its coal mine near Gallup in August. Hopefully the unchanged August oil & gas employment indicates a bottoming out of the severe downturn experienced by the industry since early this year.

New Mexico's overall economic situation in 1986 continues to be weaker than in either of the last couple of years but still stronger than in the recessionary years of 1982 and 1983. This August's jobless rate of 9.0 percent compares with 8.6 percent in August of last year and 7.0 percent in August 1984. New Mexico's unemployment rate stood at 11.6 percent at the worst of the recession in early 1983.

AUGUST SUMMARY

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	Aug. 1986	Jul. 1986	Aug. 1985	Jul. 1986	Aug. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	680,400	687,700	644,400	-7,300	+36,000
Employment	619,200	622,500	589,300	-3,300	+29,900
Unemployment	61,200	65,200	55,100	-4,000	+6,100
Rate	9.0%	9.5%	8.6%		

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

NEW MEXICO	PRELIM AUG 1986	REVISED JUL 1986	REVISED AUG 1985	AUG CHANGE FROM JUL 1986	AUG CHANGE FROM AUG 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	521,400	520,200	516,400	1,200	5,000
MINING	14,900	15,100	19,800	-200	-4,900
Metal Mining	2,300	2,300	2,700	0	-400
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying etc	3,500	3,700	4,100	-200	-600
Oil & Gas Extraction	9,100	9,100	13,000	0	-3,900
CONSTRUCTION	38,600	38,200	38,500	400	100
MANUFACTURING	38,100	37,300	38,000	800	100
DURABLE GOODS	24,400	24,300	24,500	100	-100
Lumber & Wood Products	2,800	2,700	2,700	100	100
Machinery(except electric)	2,500	2,500	2,800	0	-300
Elec & Electronic Equip	6,600	6,700	6,600	-100	0
Transportation Equipment	4,100	4,100	4,000	0	100
Other Durable Goods	8,400	8,300	8,400	100	0
NONDURABLE GOODS	13,700	13,000	13,500	700	200
Food & Kindred Products	4,900	4,400	4,700	500	200
Textile & Apparel	2,500	2,300	2,300	200	200
Other Nondurable Goods	6,300	6,300	6,500	0	-200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	27,100	27,100	29,100	0	-2,000
TRANSPORTATION	11,700	11,600	12,300	100	-600
Railroad Transportation	2,300	2,300	2,400	0	-100
Trucking & Warehousing	5,800	5,800	6,100	0	-300
Other Transportation	3,600	3,500	3,800	100	-200
COMMUNICATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15,400	15,500	16,800	-100	-1,400
Communication	6,700	6,700	7,200	0	-500
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	8,700	8,800	9,600	-100	-900
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	130,000	128,700	125,800	1,300	4,200
WHOLESALE TRADE	22,800	22,900	23,100	-100	-300
Durable Goods	13,700	13,700	13,800	0	-100
Nondurable Goods	9,100	9,200	9,300	-100	-200
RETAIL TRADE	107,200	105,800	102,700	1,400	4,500
Bldg Material & Mobile Homes	5,000	5,000	4,800	0	200
General Merchandise Stores	12,600	12,500	11,500	100	1,100
Food Stores	16,000	15,700	14,700	300	1,300
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	13,100	13,200	13,000	-100	100
Apparel & Accessories	5,700	5,600	5,600	100	100
Furniture & Furnishing	4,400	4,300	4,500	100	-100
Eating & Drinking Places	38,600	37,700	36,900	900	1,700
Miscellaneous Retail	11,800	11,800	11,700	0	100
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	26,500	26,400	26,100	100	400
Banking	8,200	8,300	8,300	-100	-100
Insurance Carriers	3,300	3,300	3,400	0	-100
Insur Agents, Brokers & Service	2,800	2,800	2,700	0	100
Real Estate	6,600	6,500	6,400	100	200
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	5,600	5,500	5,300	100	300
SERVICES	119,900	119,700	116,100	200	3,800
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	13,400	13,200	12,100	200	1,300
Personal Services	5,800	5,700	5,800	100	0
Business Services	27,500	27,400	26,600	100	900
Health Services	27,800	27,600	27,300	200	500
Legal Services	4,100	4,200	3,800	-100	300
Educational Services	3,400	3,300	3,300	100	100
Social Services	7,400	7,400	7,000	0	400
Membership Organizations	7,000	7,700	7,500	-700	-500
Other Services	23,500	23,200	22,700	300	800
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	126,300	127,700	123,000	-1,400	3,300
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	29,600	30,000	29,900	-400	-300
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	96,700	97,700	93,100	-1,000	3,600
State Government 2/	44,300	43,600	42,700	700	1,600
Local Government	52,400	54,100	50,400	-1,700	2,000

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

2/ Includes employees of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

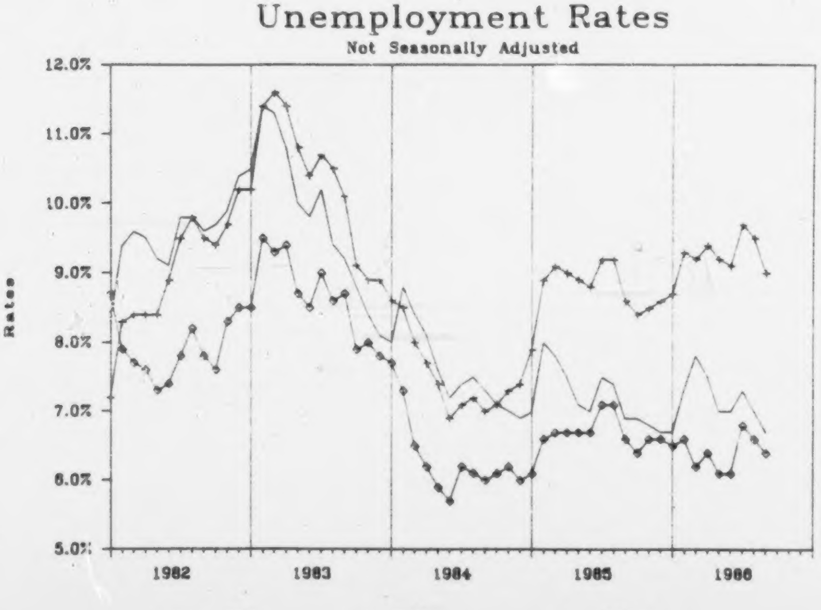
ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)

The Albuquerque area unemployment rate in August was 6.4 percent, down slightly from July's 6.6 percent rate and also below the 6.6 percent recorded a year ago, according to preliminary labor force estimates. Both the number of people employed and the number unemployed decreased over the month. For every month of 1986 except January, Albuquerque's unemployment rate has been lower than in the corresponding month of 1985. This is in sharp contrast to the statewide rate, which has been higher every month of 1986 compared to 1985.

The number of nonagricultural wage and salary jobs rose by 1,100 between July and August, which is normal for this time of year. The manufacturing payroll level, which normally posts a moderate gain in August, was unchanged as job losses in electrical and electronic machinery offset normal seasonal gains in food processing. August construction employment exhibited a stronger than usual increase, which is noteworthy because job growth in this industry had been rather sluggish since the first of this year. However, even with the August increase, the industry remains 200 jobs below its year ago level. The largest job gain among major industrial groups occurred in state government, where nearly all of the increase was seasonal and occurred at the university. Typical summertime payroll additions occurred in several retail trade and services subsectors, particularly in eating and drinking places and hotels and lodging places. On the down side, the public school system's seasonal furlough accounted for virtually all of the local government decrease.

Compared with August 1985, local government showed the largest numerical increase over the year of any major group, but this increase was caused only by a difference this year in the seasonal furlough pattern of the public schools. Hotels and lodging places continued to experience the largest percentage growth. The food stores group also scored a double-digit percentage gain since last August. Significant payroll losses compared with one year ago have occurred in special trades construction, building construction, and communication.

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	Aug. 1986	Jul. 1986	Aug. 1985	Jul. 1986	Aug. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	256,200	258,600	240,800	-2,400	+15,400
Employment	239,800	241,600	224,900	-1,800	+14,900
Unemployment	16,400	17,000	15,900	- 600	+ 500
Rate	6.4%	6.6%	6.6%		



ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

ALBUQUERQUE MSA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)	PRELIM AUG 1986	REVISED JUL 1986	REVISED AUG 1985	AUG CHANGE FROM	
				JUL 1986	AUG 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	225,200	224,100	220,100	1,100	5,100
MINING	300	300	300	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	18,700	18,500	18,900	200	-200
MANUFACTURING	19,500	19,500	19,400	0	100
Durable Goods	13,800	13,900	13,600	-100	200
Nondurable Goods	5,700	5,600	5,800	100	-100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	11,800	11,800	11,800	0	0
Transportation	5,600	5,600	5,300	0	300
Communication	3,800	3,800	4,000	0	-200
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	2,400	2,400	2,500	0	-100
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	58,600	58,200	57,000	400	1,600
WHOLESALE TRADE	14,200	14,300	14,300	-100	-100
Durable Goods	9,600	9,600	9,600	0	0
Nondurable Goods	4,600	4,700	4,700	-100	-100
RETAIL TRADE	44,400	43,900	42,700	500	1,700
General Merchandise Stores	4,800	4,800	4,600	0	200
Food Stores	5,200	5,200	4,700	0	500
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	4,800	4,800	4,700	0	100
Eating & Drinking Places	16,900	16,500	16,200	400	700
Other Retail Trade	12,700	12,600	12,500	100	200
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	13,700	13,600	13,500	100	200
Banking	3,200	3,200	3,200	0	0
Ins Carriers, Agents & Brokers	3,800	3,800	3,700	0	100
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	6,700	6,600	6,600	100	100
SERVICES	59,500	59,500	57,700	0	1,800
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	3,900	3,700	3,400	200	500
Personal Services	3,000	3,000	3,100	0	-100
Business Services	18,900	19,000	18,900	-100	0
Health Services	13,500	13,400	13,100	100	400
Social Services	2,900	2,900	2,700	0	200
Membership Organizations	1,900	2,000	1,900	-100	0
Other Services	15,400	15,500	14,600	-100	800
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	43,100	42,700	41,500	400	1,600
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	12,900	12,900	12,800	0	100
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	30,200	29,800	28,700	400	1,500
State Government	11,800	11,100	11,600	700	200
Local Government	18,400	18,700	17,100	-300	1,300

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

LAS CRUCES MSA (DONA ANA COUNTY) 1/	PRELIM AUG 1986	REVISED JUL 1986	REVISED AUG 1985	AUG CHANGE FROM JUL 1986	AUG CHANGE FROM AUG 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	38,550	37,800	33,850	750	4,700
MINING 3/	0	0	0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2,900	2,900	2,500	0	400
MANUFACTURING	3,300	3,050	3,400	250	-100
Durable Goods	1,300	1,350	1,200	-50	100
Nondurable Goods	2,000	1,700	2,200	300	-200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,400	1,300	1,300	100	100
Transportation	550	450	500	100	50
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	850	850	800	0	50
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	8,150	8,150	7,400	0	750
WHOLESALE TRADE	800	800	850	0	-50
RETAIL TRADE	7,350	7,350	6,550	0	800
General Merchandise Stores	900	900	750	0	150
Food Stores	1,000	1,000	900	0	100
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	800	800	800	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3,200	3,200	2,700	0	500
Other Retail Trade	1,450	1,450	1,400	0	50
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	1,650	1,700	1,550	-50	100
SERVICES	5,650	5,500	5,100	150	550
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	700	650	550	50	150
Business Services	1,000	950	900	50	100
Health Services	1,500	1,450	1,300	50	200
Social Services	350	350	350	0	0
Other Services	2,100	2,100	2,000	0	100
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	15,500	15,200	12,600	300	2,900
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	4,700	4,700	4,700	0	0
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	10,800	10,500	7,900	300	2,900
State Government	6,400	6,200	4,500	200	1,900
Local Government	4,400	4,300	3,400	100	1,000

SANTA FE MSA (SANTA FE & LOS ALAMOS COUNTIES) 1/	PRELIM AUG 1986	REVISED JUL 1986	REVISED AUG 1985	AUG CHANGE FROM JUL 1986	AUG CHANGE FROM AUG 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	52,600	52,150	52,800	450	-200
MINING	100	100	150	0	-50
CONSTRUCTION	3,600	3,500	3,800	100	-200
MANUFACTURING	1,650	1,500	1,550	150	100
Durable Goods	950	900	950	50	0
Nondurable Goods	700	600	600	100	100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,100	1,050	1,100	50	0
Transportation	400	350	350	50	50
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	700	700	750	0	-50
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10,400	10,200	10,500	200	-100
WHOLESALE TRADE	750	750	750	0	0
RETAIL TRADE	9,650	9,450	9,750	200	-100
General Merchandise Stores	950	950	1,000	0	-50
Food Stores	1,450	1,300	1,300	150	150
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	900	850	900	50	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3,800	3,800	3,900	0	-100
Other Retail Trade	2,550	2,550	2,650	0	-100
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	2,050	2,050	2,000	0	50
SERVICES	13,600	13,550	13,600	50	0
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	2,150	2,100	1,950	50	200
Business Services	2,900	2,900	3,000	0	-100
Health Services	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0
Social Services	550	550	550	0	0
Other Services	5,400	5,400	5,500	0	-100
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	20,100	20,200	20,100	-100	0
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	1,600	1,600	1,700	0	-100
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	18,500	18,600	18,400	-100	100
State Government 4/	15,200	15,200	14,900	0	300
Local Government	3,300	3,400	3,500	-100	-200

1/ In accordance with the CES Manual, those published cells with less than 2,000 employees are rounded to nearest 50. Those published cells with more than 2,000 employees are rounded to 100.

2/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

3/ The employment for the Las Cruces MSA is rounded to fifty. Because employment in this industry is below 25 it appears as zero.

4/ Includes employees of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS

Hours and Earnings of Production, Construction and Nonsupervisory Employees
(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

NEW MEXICO	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	AUG 1986	JUL 1986	AUG 1985	AUG 1986	JUL 1986	AUG 1985	AUG 1986	JUL 1986	AUG 1985
MINING	$469.22	$483.95	$495.13	39.2	38.5	42.5	11.97	12.57	11.65
CONSTRUCTION	$407.16	$394.05	$391.28	37.7	37.0	36.5	10.80	10.65	10.72
MANUFACTURING	$336.26	$358.90	$339.25	39.1	40.1	40.1	8.60	8.95	8.46
Durable Goods	$344.80	$366.46	$342.74	40.0	40.9	39.9	8.62	8.96	8.59
Nondurable Goods	$317.09	$340.23	$332.51	37.0	38.1	40.6	8.57	8.93	8.19
COMMUNICATION & UTILITIES	$538.05	$514.87	$479.36	42.2	44.5	42.8	12.75	11.57	11.20
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	$224.29	$220.74	$222.07	32.6	32.8	33.8	6.88	6.73	6.57
Wholesale Trade	$395.85	$376.16	$374.11	41.8	41.2	41.8	9.47	9.13	8.95
Retail Trade	$191.58	$190.94	$191.91	30.8	31.2	32.2	6.22	6.12	5.96
BANKING	$214.48	$217.74	$206.80	38.3	38.2	37.6	5.60	5.70	5.50

ALBUQUERQUE MSA	
MANUFACTURING	U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics has been forced to cancel funds for this series due to reductions caused by the Gramm - Rudman - Hollings Balanced Budget Act.
Durable Goods	
Nondurable Goods	

NOTE: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part time work, overtime work etc.

AREA ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

STATEWIDE: According to recently released personal income figures from the U.S. Dept. of Commerce, New Mexico lagged behind the national average in income gains between 1984 and 1985. During the period, New Mexico experienced income growth of 4.9 percent, compared with 5.7 percent nationwide. Most Southwest states trailed in income growth rates due to slumping energy prices, while New England states outperformed the rest of the country because of fast-growing high-tech and defense industries.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA: Signetics Corp. intends to begin construction in October on a new fabrication unit which will produce 6-inch CMOS circuits. The new unit should be ready for production in about a year and employ more than 100 additional workers. Demolition of the Civic Auditorium has begun and should take about a month to complete; then the site will be used by St. Joseph Hospital to build a 64-bed rehabilitation hospital. Ace Auto Supply, which employed 58 people in seven different stores, has filed for bankruptcy after doing business in Albuquerque for 40 years. Presbyterian Healthcare Services has closed the Presbyterian Urgent Care Center in the Rio Rancho Shopping Center because of a lack of patients. The Edward Thomas Companies., a California-based hotel group, has purchased the Sheraton Old Town Inn and adjoining office and retail space; the new owners plan a 200-room expansion, which would cost about $10 million, within the next two years.

ALAMOGORDO / RUIDOSO AREA: The $3.5 million Ruidoso Financial Center project is expected to officially open in late September. Corn Construction Co. of Santa Fe has begun work on a $10.5 million highway project on U.S. 70 near Mescalero.

BELEN / LOS LUNAS AREA: A major remodeling project at the Smith's food store in Valencia is expected to be completed by November. Employment at the Smith's store is expected to increase from 68 to 90 workers.

CARLSBAD / ARTESIA AREA: The most recent reports for the Waste Isolation Pilot Project (WIPP) show a payroll of 574 workers. Employment at WIPP is expected to gradual decline through the remainder of this year as construction work is completed on the project.

CLOVIS / PORTALES AREA: Froz-Fruit Inc. laid off 85 workers in early September as the seasonal fruit processing season came to a close.

ESPANOLA AREA: WAL-KO Industries, Ltd., a newly-formed company, has applied to the State Engineer's Office for nearly 190 acre-feet of water per year for a planned gypsum wallboard plant near Gallina; the company's owner expects the plant to employ 100 workers and also create jobs for 70 truck drivers. The Espanola Hospital is planning construction of a $100,000 ambulance garage at their facility. The Jemez Mountain School District recently awarded a $550,000 contract to Kelco Mechanical of Peralta to construct a new water system for Coronado High School in Gallina. A new $3.3 million gymnasium for that school district is also on the drawing board.

FARMINGTON AREA: Babcock & Wilcox, a manufacturer of coal boilers, pulverizers, pumps, and other equipment, has leased a 15,000-square-foot warehouse at PNM's San Juan Generating Station; the facility will be a distribution center to supply parts to power plants throughout the southwest.

GALLUP / GRANTS AREA: Saguaro Truck & Mixer Parts, Inc., which remanufactures hydraulic pumps, motors, and cylinders, manufactures hydraulic hoses, and resells cement mixer parts, has relocated its operations from Phoenix, Arizona to Milan. The firm plans to hire 30 workers initially and hopes to employ 60 within two years. Laguna Industries, Inc. is in the process of fulfilling a U.S. Army contract for the conversion of aluminum shells into transportable communications shelters. Additional awards related to the basic contract are expected to increase the firms's current payroll of about 100 workers to nearly 200 by late next year. Weather-related construction delays have delayed the opening of Milan's new Petro Truck Stop; officials now expect a December opening for the facility, which should create about 140 new jobs.

HOBBS / LOVINGTON AREA: Oil well drilling activities remain depressed in the Permian Basin. As of mid-September, the number of drilling rigs in operation was at a ten-year low of 68, compared with 282 rigs working in the comparable period in 1985.

LAS CRUCES AREA: In late August, U.S. and Mexican officials dedicated a new border port of entry at Santa Teresa in southern Dona Ana County. The new port will serve strictly as a cattle crossing over the next year, handling an expected 100,000 head according to officials. But within a few years the port will be developed into a full border crossing and industrial center that will serve a planned international twin-plant industry. The new 207-room Hilton Hotel on Telshor Blvd. in Las Cruces is scheduled to open Nov. 1. Southwest Pecan Co. resumed operations in August after almost three years of inactivity. The plant is employing approximately 50 workers processing 50,000 pounds of pecans daily.

LAS VEGAS AREA: A five-year fund raising effort has commenced with the intent of raising $8 million to complete the restoration of the historic Montezuma Castle near Las Vegas. A.S. Horner, Inc. is continuing work on the new road and bridge project near Montezuma, and Hisaw and Associates is continuing work on the new Technologies Building at Luna Vocational-Technical Institute. Ground breaking is expected in October for construction of a new elementary school in Las Vegas; Steve Franken Construction of Las Vegas won the $3.1 million contract, which should take about a year to complete. The State Highway Department has committed $280,000 for a study of a new traffic loop on Las Vegas' north side.

RATON AREA: Northern Colfax County Hospital and Miners' Hospital of New Mexico have signed a merger agreement; the combined facilities will be called Miners' Colfax Medical Center and will be a state government unit. Officials expect no major layoffs to occur, and a consolidation report estimates an increase in the combined employment level over the next few years as services expand. Kaiser

Coal Corp. has announced a new contract to supply about 70,000 tons of coal per month for the next seven months to the Fayette Power Project in La Grange, Texas. La Mesa Park ended its racing season on September 28; with the closing, about 250 seasonal jobs will come to an end.

ROSWELL AREA: A 10,000-square-foot office building is being constructed in downtown Roswell by a group of local investors. The $500,000 project is scheduled for completion this fall. The government of Taiwan has agreed to purchase 30 buses worth $5.5 million from Transportation Manufacturing Corp. (TMC) in Roswell. TMC, a subsidiary of Greyhound, is currently employing about 1,100 workers at its Roswell Industrial Air Center (RIAC) facilities. Boeing Aircraft Co. brought approximately 80 workers to RIAC in September to test new equipment on Boeing's 767 airliner.

SANTA FE AREA: Early November is the target date for the opening of a new Village Inn restaurant in the Desert Inn hotel in downtown Santa Fe; a $200,000 renovation of the facility is currently underway. Recent statistics reveal that the level of construction activity in Santa Fe for January through July of this year is at about the same level as in 1981. The number of building permits has fallen 29 percent from the 1984 peak, and the value of those permits has fallen nearly 60 percent from the comparable period of 1984.

SILVER CITY / LORDSBURG AREA: Phelps Dodge Corporation has announced that they will purchase Kennecott's two-thirds interest in Chino Mines Co., to become effective the first of next year. Mitsubishi will retain its one-third ownership of the Chino copper facility. Phelps Dodge officials said the company plans to continue full copper mining, milling, and smelting operations at Chino. A $656,000 Economic Development Administration grant has been awarded for construction early next year of a 10-inch water line to tie Pinos Altos to Silver City's domestic water supply. Wonder World, a chain of discount retail outlets, is opening a new store in Silver City in November which should employ about 50 persons. Westar Corp. of Las Vegas, Nev. has been issued a permit by the state Health and Environment Dept. to leach gold and silver bearing ore at a 10,000-acre tract four miles south of Lordsburg. Westar officials indicate that leaching operations will be underway by early November.

TAOS AREA: Holy Cross Hospital recently laid off 18 more employees, raising this year's layoff total to 28. Taos County officials have announced that 15 workers will be terminated because of lack of funds; the closing of the Molycorp mine has cost the county treasury about $43,000. Molycorp has notified the U.S. Forest Service of its intent to drill about 20 exploratory holes on a leased area near Red River; but many legal, environmental, and administrative hurdles must be overcome before work can begin. Leonard Minerals of Fort Worth has applied for a permit to drill exploratory oil and gas wells on a leased area in the Rio de la Olla area south of Taos. Pipelaying, water tank construction, and well-drilling are in progress on Angel Fire Resort's $2.4 million snowmaking system.

TUCUMCARI / SANTA ROSA AREA: A new Alco discount store is scheduled to open in Tucumcari in early November with about 50 employees. A new 52-room Super 8 motel recently opened for business in Santa Rosa.

Additional Information on State Government Employment

Number of Classified State Govt. Workers

August 1986	15,093
July 1986	15,217
August 1985	15,241

These figures include classified employees working for classified agencies of the executive branch of state government. This information is furnished by the New Mexico State Personnel Office.

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CPI-U - 328.6
CPI-W - 323.4

(Base Year 1967 = 100)

CPI-U - All Urban Consumers
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NEW MEXICO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/

	PRELIMINARY AUGUST 1986				REVISED JULY 1986				REVISED AUGUST 1985			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	680,336	619,170	61,166	9.0%	687,655	622,500	65,155	9.5%	644,484	589,349	55,135	8.6%
ALBUQUERQUE MSA 2/	256,164	239,789	16,375	6.4%	258,545	241,581	16,964	6.6%	240,794	224,932	15,862	6.6%
LAS CRUCES MSA 3/	55,687	51,823	3,864	6.9%	55,030	50,692	4,338	7.9%	47,728	43,438	4,290	9.0%
SANTA FE MSA 4/	64,939	61,602	3,337	5.1%	65,660	61,941	3,719	5.7%	61,367	58,232	3,135	5.1%
Catron	1,265	1,151	114	9.0%	1,206	1,072	134	11.1%	1,044	937	107	10.2%
Chaves	23,026	20,901	2,125	9.2%	23,718	21,543	2,175	9.2%	23,627	21,466	2,161	9.1%
Cibola	8,949	7,310	1,639	18.3%	9,121	7,341	1,780	19.5%	7,610	5,561	2,049	26.9%
Colfax	7,856	7,033	823	10.5%	8,011	7,084	927	11.6%	7,611	7,003	608	8.0%
Curry	17,269	16,176	1,093	6.3%	17,295	16,183	1,112	6.4%	16,431	15,181	1,250	7.6%
De Baca	984	898	86	8.7%	1,006	914	92	9.1%	919	837	82	8.9%
Eddy	23,007	19,719	3,288	14.3%	23,056	19,806	3,250	14.1%	21,892	19,645	2,247	10.3%
Grant	10,025	8,795	1,230	12.3%	10,146	8,904	1,242	12.2%	9,634	8,275	1,359	14.1%
Guadalupe	1,762	1,547	215	12.2%	1,774	1,566	208	11.7%	1,626	1,407	219	13.5%
Harding	534	489	45	8.4%	560	505	55	9.8%	551	511	40	7.3%
Hidalgo	2,392	2,255	137	5.7%	2,456	2,304	152	6.2%	2,472	2,245	227	9.2%
Lea	25,500	21,834	3,666	14.4%	25,870	21,988	3,882	15.0%	26,382	24,880	1,502	5.7%
Lincoln	8,564	8,143	421	4.9%	8,570	8,122	448	5.2%	8,302	7,911	391	4.7%
Luna	6,051	5,258	793	13.1%	5,739	4,873	866	15.1%	5,344	4,530	814	15.2%
McKinley	17,201	14,780	2,421	14.1%	17,573	15,127	2,446	13.9%	16,484	14,119	2,365	14.3%
Mora	1,386	963	423	30.5%	1,460	956	504	34.5%	1,429	1,078	351	24.6%
Otero	17,967	16,672	1,295	7.2%	18,029	16,541	1,488	8.3%	16,724	15,401	1,323	7.9%
Quay	4,684	4,271	413	8.8%	4,728	4,302	426	9.0%	4,585	4,168	417	9.1%
Rio Arriba	12,450	10,025	2,425	19.5%	13,017	10,256	2,761	21.2%	13,358	11,258	2,100	15.7%
Roosevelt	6,636	6,305	331	5.0%	7,204	6,820	384	5.3%	6,877	6,521	356	5.2%
Sandoval	22,866	20,896	1,970	8.6%	22,416	20,525	1,891	8.4%	21,079	19,413	1,666	7.9%
San Juan	35,418	29,215	6,203	17.5%	36,276	29,407	6,869	18.9%	34,441	29,720	4,721	13.7%
San Miguel	9,735	8,487	1,248	12.8%	10,096	8,751	1,345	13.3%	9,474	8,197	1,277	13.5%
Sierra	2,411	2,258	153	6.3%	2,498	2,362	136	5.4%	2,312	2,118	194	8.4%
Socorro	5,661	5,156	505	8.9%	5,831	5,286	545	9.3%	5,178	4,764	414	8.0%
Taos	10,227	7,655	2,572	25.1%	10,862	7,867	2,995	27.6%	10,538	8,754	1,784	16.9%
Torrance	3,189	2,860	329	10.3%	3,283	2,915	368	11.2%	3,468	3,125	343	9.9%
Union	2,223	2,055	168	7.6%	2,254	2,075	179	7.9%	2,204	2,076	128	5.8%
Valencia	14,308	12,849	1,459	10.2%	14,365	12,891	1,474	10.3%	12,999	11,646	1,353	10.4%

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

2/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Bernalillo County

3/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Dona Ana County

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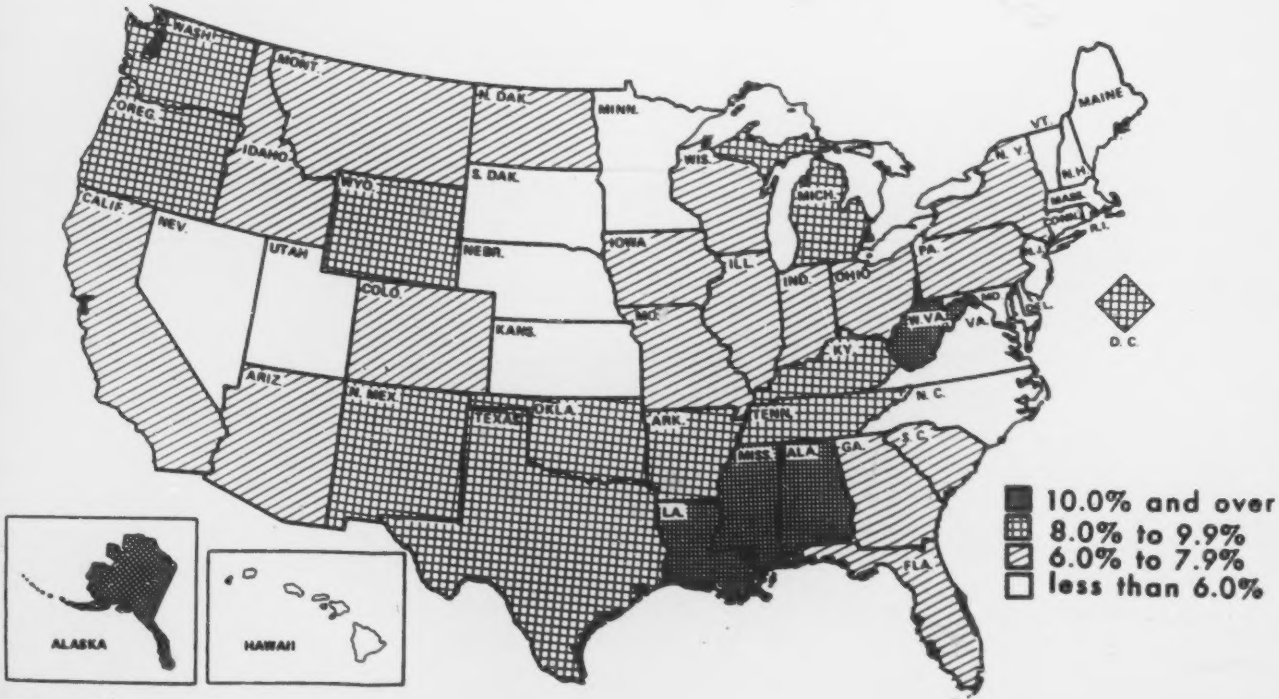
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